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Regulation to amend the Safety Code

WHEREAS, under the first and second paragraphs of section 175 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1), the Régie du bâtiment du Québec must by regulation adopt a safety code, which code contains safety standards for buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building and petroleum equipment installations and their vicinity, and standards for their maintenance, use, state of repair, operation and hygiene;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 1 of the third paragraph of section 175 of the Act, the code may contain standards regarding fire and accident prevention and protection;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 4 of the third paragraph of section 175 of the Act, the code may contain standards regarding materials, apparatus and equipment to be used or prohibited in buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 5 of the third paragraph of section 175 of the Act, the code may contain standards regarding the assembly, erection, inspection, certification, approval, quantity, site and tests of materials, facilities, apparatus and installations;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 6 of the third paragraph of section 175 of the Act, the code may contain standards regarding the use, display and storage of substances involving safety hazards;

WHEREAS, under section 176 of the Act, the code may require manufacturers to provide instructions regarding the assembly, erection, maintenance and inspection of materials, facilities and installations;

WHEREAS, under section 176.1 of the Act, the code may, with respect to the matters to which it applies, contain provisions concerning the subjects listed in section 185 of the Act;

WHEREAS, under section 178 of the Act, the code may require observance of a technical standard drawn up by another government or by an agency empowered to draw up such standards and also provide that any reference it makes to other standards include subsequent amendments;

WHEREAS, under section 179 of the Act, the Board may determine the provisions of a code of which the infringement constitutes an offence under paragraph 7 of section 194 of the Act;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 0.1 of section 185 of the Act, the Board may, by regulation, exempt from the application of the Act or certain of its provisions categories of persons, contractors, owner-builders, manufacturers of pressure installations, or owners of buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations, and categories of buildings, pressure installations, facilities, installations or construction work;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 37 of section 185 of the Act, the Board may, by regulation, determine the provisions of a regulation adopted under the section of which the infringement constitutes an offence under paragraph 7 of section 194 of the Act, with the exception of provisions adopted under paragraphs 5.2, 18, 18.1, 20 and 36.1 and under paragraphs 16 and 17 with respect to fees payable;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 38 of section 185 of the Act, the Board may, by regulation, adopt, generally, any other related or suppletory provision it considered necessary to give effect to the provisions of the section and of the Act;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 192 of the Act, the contents of the code or regulations may vary according to the classes of persons, contractors, owner-builders, owners of buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building and classes of buildings, pressure installations, facilities or installations to which the code or regulations apply;

WHEREAS the board of directors of the Board adopted the Regulation to amend the Safety Code by its resolution dated 20 November 2024;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Safety Code was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 5 March 2025 with a notice that it could be approved by the Government, with or without amendment, on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS, under section 189 of the Building Act, every code or regulation of the Board is subject to approval by the Government which may approve it with or without amendment;

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WHEREAS the board of directors of the Board recommended to the Minister of Labour to submit the Regulation to amend the Safety Code to the Government for approval and publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* by its resolution dated 10 December 2025;

WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Regulation with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Safety Code, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation to amend the Safety Code

Building Act
(chapter B-1.1, s. 175, 1st and 2nd pars, 3rd par., subpar. 1 and subpars. 4 to 6, ss. 176, 176.1, 178 and 179, s. 185, pars. 0.1, 37 and 38, and s. 192).

1. The Safety Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 3) is amended by inserting the following before section 9:

"**DIVISION I**
GENERAL".

2. Section 9 is replaced by the following:

"**9.** In this Chapter, the terms "accessible", "approved", "bathroom", "circuit breaker", "cord set", "dust", "electrical equipment", "electrical equipment vault", "electrical installation", "energized part", "ground fault circuit interrupter, Class A", "hazardous location", "hydromassage bathtub", "inaccessible", "live" "overcurrent device", "permanently connected equipment", "pool", "readily accessible", "receptacle", "service box" and "spa or hot tub" have the meaning given by the Canadian Electrical Code as adopted by Chapter V of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2).

3. The following is inserted after section 9.1:

"**9.2.** This Chapter applies to every electrical installation subject to the Building Act (chapter B-1.1).

It does not apply, however, to

(1) an electric lighting installation attached to a pole used to distribute electric power by a public electricity distribution undertaking;

(2) an installation used for the operation of an electric railway, including a metro system, and powered exclusively by current from circuits supplying that installation; and

(3) an installation used by railways for signalling and telecommunications.".

4. The following is inserted after section 10:

"**DIVISION II**
REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE BY YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION OR MODIFICATION

10.1. Subject to any more stringent requirements in this Chapter, an electrical installation shall comply with the regulatory requirements applicable at the time of its construction. However, if it is modified, the modified portion shall meet the regulatory requirements applicable at the time of the modification.

Depending on the date of its construction or modification, the regulatory requirements that apply to an electrical installation are those indicated in the following table:

Date of construction or modification	Applicable regulatory requirements
Between 1 May 1974 and 26 July 1977:	Canadian Electrical Code (O.C. 951-74, 74-03-13).
Between 27 July 1977 and 30 September 1982:	Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, C22.1-1975 (12th edition), published by the Canadian Standards Association (O.C. 2197-77, 77-06-29).
Between 1 October 1982 and 31 May 1987:	Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, C22.1-1982 (14th edition), published by the Canadian Standards Association (O.C. 433-82, 82-02-24).
Between 1 June 1987 and 31 May 1992:	Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, C22.1-1986 (15th edition), published by the Canadian Standards Association (O.C. 141-87, 87-01-28).
Between 1 June 1992 and 31 May 1996:	Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, C22.1-1990 (16th edition), published by the Canadian Standards Association (O.C. 1674-91, 91-12-04).
Between 1 June 1996 and 31 May 1999:	Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, C22.1-1994 (17th edition), published by the Canadian Standards Association (O.C. 1107-95, 95-08-16).

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Date of construction or modification	Applicable regulatory requirements
Between 1 June 1999 and 28 March 2004:	Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, C22.1-1998 (18th edition), published by the Canadian Standards Association (O.C. 118-99, 99-02-10; O.C. 961-2002, 2002-08-21).
Between 29 March 2004 and 4 November 2007:	Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, C22.1-02 (19th edition), published by the Canadian Standards Association (O.C. 1385-2003, 2003-12-17).
Between 5 November 2007 and 28 February 2011:	Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, C22.1-06 (20th edition), published by the Canadian Standards Association (O.C. 577-2007, 2007-06-27).
Between 1 March 2011 and 30 September 2018:	Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, C22.1-09 (21st edition), published by the Canadian Standards Association (O.C. 1062-2010, 2010-12-01).
Between 1 October 2018 and 25 March 2026:	Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, C22.1-15 (23rd edition), published by CSA Group (O.C. 722-2018, 2018-06-06).
As of 26 March 2026:	Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, C22.1:21 (25th edition), published by CSA Group, (O.C. 236-2026, 2026-02-25).

However, the regulatory requirements apply taking into account the fact that

(1) the preceding regulatory requirements may have been applicable for a variable transitional period, provided for by regulation, following the date of coming into force of the new requirements; and

(2) a regulatory requirement in force when an electrical installation is constructed or modified may be subject to an equivalent or different measure as provided for in sections 127, 127.1 and 128 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1).

In addition, if work has been completed before 1 May 1974, the following requirements were used as the basis for the application of the law in the electrical field:

(*a*) under the Electricians and Electrical Installations Act (Revised Statutes, 1964, chapter 152), the Canadian Electrical Code, C22.1-1966 (9th edition), published by CSA in February 1966;

(*b*) under the Act respecting Electricians and Electrical Installations (Revised Statutes, 1941, chapter 172):

i. the Canadian Electrical Code, C22.1-1939 (4th edition), published by CSA in August 1939;

ii. the Canadian Electrical Code, C22.1-1947 (5th edition), published by CSA in June 1947;

iii. the Canadian Electrical Code, C22.1-1953 (6th edition), published by CSA in August 1953;

iv. the Canadian Electrical Code, C22.1-1958 (7th edition), published by CSA in February 1958;

v. the Canadian Electrical Code, C22.1-1962 (8th edition), published by CSA in May 1962;

(*c*) under the Act respecting Electricians and Electrical Installations (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 178; 18 Geo. V, c. 62, 23 Geo. V., c. 70):

i. the Canadian Electrical Code, C22-1927 (1st edition), published by CSA in September 1927;

ii. the Canadian Electrical Code, C22.1-1930 (2nd edition), published by CSA in January 1930;

iii. the Canadian Electrical Code, C22.1-1935 (3rd edition), published by CSA in January 1935;

iv. the Canadian Electrical Code, C22.1-1939 (4th edition), published by CSA in August 1939.".

5. The following is inserted after section 10.1:

"**DIVISION III**
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE AND UPKEEP OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS".

6. The following is inserted after section 11:

"**11.1.** Cord sets shall not be used as a substitute for the fixed wiring of structures and shall not

(1) be permanently secured to any structural member;

(2) run through holes in walls, ceilings, or floors; and

(3) run through doorways, windows, or similar openings.".

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7. Section 14 is amended by inserting "used in an electrical installation" after "electrical equipment".

8. Section 16 is replaced by the following:

"**16.** The service box, metering equipment and distribution, branch circuit and panelboards shall be readily accessible at all times.".

9. Section 17 is replaced by the following:

"**17.** Electrical equipment vaults shall not be used for storage purposes.".

10. Section 18 is replaced by the following:

"**18.** Electrical equipment vaults shall not reach ambient temperatures that exceed 40 °C.".

11. Section 19 is amended in the French text by replacing "chambres d'apparaillage" by "chambres d'équipement".

12. The following is inserted after section 21:

"**DIVISION IV**
MORE STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS".

13. Section 22 is amended

(1) by inserting ", Class A" after "interrupter" in the portion before paragraph 1;

(2) by replacing "therapeutic pools" in paragraph 4 by "spas or hot tubs".

14. Section 23 is replaced by the following:

"**23.** Breakers of circuits supplying air conditioning and ventilation installations shall be activated manually to check their operation and the adequate identification of the circuits supplying them shall be confirmed at least once every 12 months so as to make sure that the power supply can be interrupted in case of emergency.".

15. Section 24 is replaced by the following:

"**24.** All electrical equipment that is in the presence of flammable gases or vapours or dusts in sufficient quantity to constitute a fire or explosion hazard shall be approved for that type of environment and the location shall be classified in accordance with Chapter V of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2).".

16. The following is inserted after section 24:

"**DIVISION V**
OFFENCES".

17. Section 90.1 is amended by striking out "paragraph 13 of" in the second paragraph.

18. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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O.C. 236-2026, 25 February 2026

Regulation to amend the Construction Code

WHEREAS, under the first and second paragraphs of section 173 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1), the Régie du bâtiment du Québec must by regulation adopt a building code, which code contains building standards for buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building and petroleum equipment installations or their vicinity;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 1 of the third paragraph of section 173 of the Act, the code may contain building standards regarding the design and procedures for the construction of buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 2 of the third paragraph of section 173 of the Act, the code may contain building standards regarding fire and accident prevention and protection;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 3 of the third paragraph of section 173 of the Act, the code may contain building standards regarding the safety and strength of buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 7 of the third paragraph of section 173 of the Act, the code may contain building standards regarding materials, appliances or equipment to be used or prohibited in buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 8 of the third paragraph of section 173 of the Act, the code may contain building standards regarding the quality, assembly, erection, inspection, certification, approval, quantity, site and tests of materials, facilities, apparatus and installations;

WHEREAS, under section 176 of the Act, the code may require manufacturers to provide instructions regarding the assembly, erection, maintenance and inspection of materials, facilities and installations;

WHEREAS, under section 176.1 of the Act, the code may, with respect to the matters to which it applies, contain provisions concerning the subjects listed in section 185 of the Act;

WHEREAS, under section 178 of the Act, the code may require observance of a technical standard drawn up by another government or by an agency empowered to draw up such standards and also provide that any reference it makes to other standards include subsequent amendments;

WHEREAS, under section 179 of the Act, the Board may determine the provisions of a code of which the infringement constitutes an offence under paragraph 7 of section 194 of the Act;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 0.1 of section 185 of the Act, the Board may, by regulation, exempt from the application of the Act or certain of its provisions categories of persons, contractors, owner-builders, manufacturers of pressure installations, or owners of buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations, and categories of buildings, pressure installations, facilities, installations or construction work;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 2.1.1 of section 185 of the Act, the Board may, by regulation, prescribe in what cases and on what terms and conditions the members of a professional order are, by virtue of their status, recognized to exercise the functions of a recognized person for the purposes of sections 16, 17.4, 33 to 35 and 37.4;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 3 of section 185 of the Act, the Board may, by regulation, determine the cases in which construction work must be reported to the Board, the time, form and manner according to which the report must be forwarded by the persons referred to in sections 22 and 37.2 of the Act and the conditions that they must fulfill;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 6.2 of section 185 of the Act, the Board may, by regulation, prohibit the sale, lease or exhibiting of materials or accessories which are not certified or approved for purposes of use in construction work on buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations by a recognized person or body the Board designates;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 6.3 of section 185 of the Act, the Board may, by regulation, prohibit the sale, lease or exhibition of apparatus intended to be supplied from or to supply an electrical installation, used in a plumbing installation or petroleum equipment installation or intended to use gas, where the apparatus is not certified or approved by a recognized person or body the Board designates;

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WHEREAS, under paragraph 7 of section 185 of the Act, the Board may, by regulation, determine the cases in which a contractor or owner-builder must obtain plans and specifications before construction work begins or final plans and specifications when the work is completed, in accordance with section 17.4 of the Act, and the other obligations, terms and conditions relating to those plans and specifications, in particular to their form, content, conservation and delivery;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 20 of section 185 of the Act, the Board may, by regulation, determine the cases in which it is to collect fees for approval, authorization, revision, inspection, training, consultation, issuance of certificates of conformity, accreditation of recognized persons or bodies, and verifications, and fix such fees;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 21 of section 185 of the Act, the Board may, by regulation, determine an indicator of the importance of the activities or performance of a contractor or holder of a licence issued under section 37.1 of the Act which may be used as a basis for a levy, establish a fixed amount or an amount based on that indicator or both or all three, and determine the minimum and maximum of that indicator for a contractor or licence holder to be subject to the levy;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 24 of section 185 of the Act, the Board may, by regulation, prescribe, for the purposes of paragraphs 21 and 22, the form and content of the report to be forwarded by a contractor, a person holding a permit issued under section 37.1 of the Act or the owner or operator of a gas or petroleum product distribution undertaking, as well as the time limit within which it must be forwarded;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 36 of section 185 of the Act, the Board may, by regulation, set the time limit and the manner of payment of the levy payable by each contractor, each person holding a permit issued under section 37.1 of the Act, each owner of a building, facility intended for use by the public, installation independent of a building or petroleum equipment installation and each owner or operator of a gas or petroleum product distribution undertaking;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 37 of section 185 of the Act, the Board may, by regulation, determine the provisions of a regulation adopted under the section of which the infringement constitutes an offence under paragraph 7 of section 194 of the Act, with the exception of provisions adopted under paragraphs 5.2, 18, 18.1, 20 and 36.1 and under paragraphs 16 and 17 with respect to fees payable;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 38 of section 185 of the Act, the Board may, by regulation, adopt, generally, any other related or suppletory provision it considered necessary to give effect to the provisions of the section and of the Act;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 192 of the Act, the contents of the code or regulations may vary according to the classes of persons, contractors, owner-builders, owners of buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building and classes of buildings, pressure installations, facilities or installations to which the code or regulations apply;

WHEREAS the board of directors of the Board adopted the Regulation to amend the Construction Code by its resolution dated 20 November 2024;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Construction Code was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 5 March 2025 with a notice that it could be approved by the Government, with or without amendment, on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS, under section 189 of the Building Act, every code or regulation of the Board is subject to approval by the Government which may approve it with or without amendment;

WHEREAS the board of directors of the Board, by its resolution dated 10 December 2025, recommended to the Minister of Labour to submit the Regulation to amend the Construction Code to the Government for approval and publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*;

WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Regulation with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Construction Code, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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Regulation to amend the Construction Code

Building Act
(chapter B-1.1, s. 173, 1st par., 2nd par. and 3rd par., subpars. 1 to 3, 7 and 8, ss. 176, 176.1, 178 and 179, s. 185, pars. 0.1, 2.1.1, 3, 6.2, 6.3, 7, 20, 21, 24, 36, 37 and 38, and s. 192).

1. The Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) is amended in section 4.06 by striking out "paragraph 13 of" in the second paragraph.

2. Chapter V is replaced by the following:

"**CHAPTER V**
ELECTRICITY

DIVISION I
GENERAL

5.01. In this Chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, "Code" means the Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, Twenty-fifth edition, CSA C22.1:21, published by CSA Group, as well as any subsequent amendments that may be published by that organization.

That Code is incorporated by reference into this Chapter subject to the amendments provided for in section 5.05.

However, any amendments to that edition published by CSA Group after 26 March 2026 will apply to construction work only from the last day of the sixth month following the publication of the French and English versions of those amendments. If those versions are not published at the same time, the 6-month period runs from the date of publication of the last version.

The provisions of the third paragraph do not apply to errata, which take effect as soon as they are published by CSA Group.

5.02. Subject to the exemptions provided for in section 5.03, this Chapter applies to any construction work on an electrical installation within the meaning of the Code and covered by the Building Act (chapter B-1.1).

5.03. The following installations are exempt from this Chapter:

(1) an electric lighting installation attached to a pole used to distribute electric power by a public electricity distribution undertaking;

(2) an installation used for the operation of an electric railway, including a metro system, and powered exclusively by circuits supplying that installation;

(3) an installation used by railways for signalling and telecommunications.

5.04. A reference in this Chapter to a standard or a code is a reference to that standard or code as adopted by the chapter of the Construction Code or Safety Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 3) or other regulation made under the Building Act (chapter B-1.1) that refers to it.

DIVISION II
AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE

5.05. The amendments to the Code are as follows:

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Provision	Amendments
	Replace “deviation” wherever it occurs by “authorization”.
Section 0	
Object	Strike out the following text: Safe installations may also be achieved by alternatives to this Code, when such alternatives meet the fundamental safety principles of IEC 60364-1 (see Appendix K). These alternatives are intended to be used only in conjunction with acceptable means to assess compliance of these alternatives with the fundamental safety principles of IEC 60364-1 by the authorities enforcing this Code.”.
Scope	Strike out this Subsection.
Definitions	Strike out the following defined terms: “**Current-permit**”; “**Permit**”; Replace the corresponding defined terms by the following: “**Electrical installation** — the installation of any wiring in or upon any land or in a building from the point or points where electric power or energy is delivered therein or thereon by the supply authority or from any other source of supply, to the point or points where such power or energy can be used therein or thereon by any electrical equipment and shall include the connection of any such wiring with any of the said equipment (see Appendix B).”; “**Service, consumer's** — all that part of the consumer's installation from the service box or its equivalent up to the point at which connection is made to the supply service.”; Insert the following defined terms in the appropriate alphabetical order: “**Connecting point** — the point at which the consumer’s service entrance is connected to the distributor’s supply, as specified by the supply authority.”; “**Dedicated basic infrastructure for the supply of electric vehicle supply equipment (DBISEVSE)** — includes, but is not limited to, a conduit or cable, selected according to the supply required by the electric vehicle supply equipment, installed in anticipation of a separate branch circuit with a minimum capacity of 6.66 kW at 208 V or 7.68 kW at 240 V, calculated on

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	the basis of a Level 2 electric vehicle supply equipment from a panelboard or by the split of the feed current for the panelboard of a dwelling unit and leading to an outlet box approved for the location and expected to receive a CSA configuration 6-50R, 15-50R, L6-50R or L14-50R receptacle, located in the garage, in the carport or near the parking space for each dwelling unit that is part of a single dwelling or apartment building."; "**Electric vehicle energy management system (EVEMS)** — a means used to control electric vehicle supply equipment loads through the process of connecting, disconnecting, increasing, or reducing electric power to the loads and consisting of monitors, communications equipment, controllers, timers, and other applicable devices."; "**Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE)** — a complete assembly consisting of cables, connectors, devices, apparatus, and fittings installed for the purpose of power transfer and information exchange between the electrical installation and the electric vehicle."; "**Expected load for electric vehicle supply equipment** (ELEVSE) — expected minimum load (6.66 kW at 208 V or 7.68 kW at 240 V), calculated for Level 2 electric vehicle supply equipment."; "**Load monitoring and load shedding device** (LMLSD) — a type of charge controller used a) to split the feeder current ahead of a panelboard to create a new branch circuit supplying the electric vehicle supply equipment; b) to monitor the feeder current; and c) to interrupt or re-establish the supply of the electric vehicle supply equipment when the feeder current from the panelboard has reached a predetermined threshold.".
Section 2	
2-000	Strike out the Rule.
2-004	Replace the Rule by the following: "**2-004 Declaration of work** (1) An electrical contractor or owner-builder shall declare to the Régie du bâtiment du Québec the construction work carried out to which Chapter V, Electricity, of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) applies. (2) The declaration shall contain the following information: (a) the address of the work site;

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	(b) the name, address and telephone number of the person for whom the work is carried out; (c) the name, address, telephone number and licence number of the electrical contractor or owner-builder; (d) the dates scheduled for the beginning and end of the construction work; (e) the nature and type of work, in particular the specific kind of work and a description of the powers to be installed, including the expected load for electric vehicle supply equipment (ELEVSE), whether installed or not; and (f) the use of the building or installation and the number of stories and dwelling units in the building. (3) The declaration shall be made on the form provided for that purpose by the Board or on any other document containing the information required by Subrule (2). (4) The declaration shall be sent to the Board not later than the twentieth day of the month following the date on which the work begins. (5) Notwithstanding Subrule (1), the declaration of work is not required (a) in the case of work mentioned in a request for supply made to a supply authority; (b) in the case of work involving power of no more than 10 kW that does not require a replacement or addition of wiring; or (c) if an owner-builder keeps a register containing the information mentioned in Subrule (2).”.
2-006	Strike out the Rule.
2-008	Replace the Rule by the following: “**2-008 Levies and fees** (1) The levy which every electrical contractor shall pay annually to the Régie du bâtiment du Québec is $957.20 plus an amount corresponding to a non-indexable value of 2.5% of the contractor’s payroll. (2) For the purposes of this Rule, “payroll” means the total of payments made, before deductions, to apprentice electricians and journeyman electricians carrying out construction work on an electrical installation, including hourly or piece-work wages, commissions, bonuses, pay for leave and any other form of remuneration. The payments made annually

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	to an apprentice electrician or a journeyman electrician by an electrical contractor are presumed to be made to a person assigned to construction work on an electrical installation. (3) The following payments are not included in the payroll: (a) payments to a person who qualifies an electrical contractor for the issue of a licence because of his or her technical knowledge; (b) payments for construction work on an electrical installation at a hydroelectric power station at the time of the original construction. (4) An electrical contractor renting the services of an apprentice electrician or a journeyman electrician through a third party that does not hold a licence shall include the cost of those services in calculating the payroll. (5) An apprentice electrician or a journeyman electrician who is a partner in a partnership is, for calculation of the payroll, presumed to receive annual wages of $45,056.42 for the electrical installation work he or she carries out for the partnership. (6) The fixed amount of the levy to be paid under Subrule (1) is established in proportion to the number of months for which the licence is valid, a part of a month being considered a full month. (7) In the case of voluntary abandonment of a holder's licence, the validity period of the licence is deemed to have ended on the date on which the Board received a notice to that effect. (8) An electrical contractor shall pay the levy under this Rule to the Board not later than: (a) 31 May for a payroll calculated for the period from 1 January to 31 March of the current year; (b) 31 August for a payroll calculated for the period from 1 April to 30 June of the current year; (c) 30 November for a payroll calculated for the period from 1 July to 30 September of the current year; (d) 28 February for a payroll calculated for the period from 1 October to 31 December of the preceding year. (9) Each payment shall also include the applicable portion of the fixed amount of the levy. An electrical contractor shall provide with each payment a written statement indicating the portion of the payroll applicable to each apprentice electrician or journeyman electrician identified by name. If a licence is issued to the electrical contractor during the year, the first statement and the first payment shall be made on the first date in Subrule (8) that is at least 2 months after the issue of the licence.

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	(10) If an electrical contractor fails to send the statement required under this Rule to the Board, or if the Board has reason to believe that the statement is inaccurate, the Board shall make an estimate of the contractor's payroll. In such a case, it is the contractor's responsibility to demonstrate that the estimate is inaccurate. (11) If it is established that an electrical contractor's payroll differs from the amount used to establish the levy, the Board shall bill or credit, as the case may be, an amount equal to the difference between the amount levied and the amount calculated according to the actual payroll. (12) The levy that an electrical owner-builder shall pay annually to the Board in accordance with Subrule (8) is $717.94, plus inspection fees of $189.84 for the first hour of inspection or fraction thereof and half that rate for each half-hour or fraction thereof of inspection in addition to the first hour; an amount of $89.31 for each trip related to the inspection shall be added to those fees. (13) The fees payable under Subrule (12) shall be paid not later than 30 days after the billing date.".
2-010	Strike out the Rule.
2-012	Strike out the Rule.
2-014	Replace the Rule by the following: "**2-014 Plans and specifications** (see Appendix B) (1) An electrical contractor or owner-builder shall not start construction work on an electrical installation to which Chapter V, Electricity, of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) applies unless plans and specifications have been prepared for the work by a recognized person, if the installation requires a service line of more than 200 kW. (2) For the purposes of this Rule, any engineer who is a member of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec and any person holding a special authorization issued by the Order pursuant to section 42.4 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26), whose professional activities relate to the field of electricity, is deemed to be a recognized person. (3) The plans and specifications referred to in Subrule (1) shall contain the following information: (a) name and address of the person responsible for preparing them; (b) type of building or electrical installation and the location of the work;

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	(c) location of the service line and distribution; (d) the supply voltage and the single-line diagram of the service line and distribution; (e) loads, protection characteristics and identification of the feeder and branch circuits at their respective panelboards; (f) rated power of each apparatus; (g) type and size of raceways to be used; (h) number and characteristics of conductors used in the raceways; (i) cable characteristics; (j) type of materials, accessories or apparatus installed in hazardous locations; (k) size and location of grounding conductors; (l) a description of all underground parts of the installation; (m) details on the electrical equipment and the dedicated basic infrastructure for the supply of electric vehicle supply equipment (DBISEVSE), whether installed or not, when required by Section 86; (n) for an addition to an existing electrical installation, all information on the part of the installation on which work is to be carried out and a list of the existing loads or of the maximum demand loads of the existing installation recorded for the last 12 months; and (o) for a high voltage electrical installation, the vertical and horizontal clearances of live parts and a description of the grounding and mechanical protection of live parts. (4) When construction work on an electrical installation concerns the installation of electric vehicle supply equipment in an apartment building having 5 dwelling units or more, an overall plan shall be drawn up to ensure that the capacity of the electrical installation is sufficient to allow each parking space, except a visitor parking space, to be served by electric vehicle supply equipment. The plan shall contain the following information: (a) the installation context for the power supply; (b) a schematic representation of the main entrance and the meter centre for each transformer; (c) a load calculation based on Section 8 or the method based on the collection of metered data over the last 12 months in accordance with Rule 8-106(8);

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	(d) the choice of equipment; (e) the stages in the full deployment of the basic infrastructure and the electrical equipment dedicated for the supply of electric vehicle equipment, whether or not installed, when required by Section 86. (5) The overall plan provided for in Subrule (4) shall be (a) given to the building owner and kept by the owner; and (b) used by all the contractors involved in the full deployment of the basic infrastructure and the electrical equipment dedicated for the supply of electric vehicle supply equipment. (6) An electrical contractor who is a member of the Corporation des maîtres électriciens du Québec is exempt from Subrule (1) to the extent that the Corporation requires that a recognized person draws up the plans in accordance with the parameters provided for in the Master Electricians Act (chapter M-3) and that the plans contain the information provided for in this Rule.".
2-016	Strike out the Rule.
2-018	Strike out the Rule.
2-020	Strike out the Rule.
2-022	Strike out the Rule.
2-024	Replace the Rule by the following: "**2-024 Approval of electrical equipment used in an electrical installation, intended to consume energy from an electrical installation or to supply such an installation** (see Appendices A and B) (1) The selling or renting, or the offering for sale or rent, of electrical equipment that has not been approved is prohibited. (2) All electrical equipment used in an electrical installation shall be approved for the use for which it is intended. In addition, the use of electrical equipment that has not been approved in an electrical installation or the permanent connection of such equipment to such an installation is prohibited. However, for purposes of a test, exhibition, presentation or demonstration, electrical equipment shall be permitted to be used without being approved if a notice containing the following warning in letters at least 15 mm high is posted: "NOTICE: This

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	electrical equipment has not been approved for sale or rental as required by Chapter V, Electricity, of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2).". (3) Subrules (1) and (2) do no not apply to electrical equipment: (a) located upstream from the consumer's service; (b) intended to be interconnected, in accordance with Section 84 of the Code; (c) located upstream from a stand-alone inverter; or (d) whose power consumption is not more than 100 VA and whose voltage is not more than 30 V, except in the case of signs, lighting devices, luminaries, thermostats with heat anticipators, electromedical devices or apparatus installed in a hazardous location.".
	Add the following Rule: "**2-025 Approval of a portable generator** The selling or renting, or the offering for sale or rent, of a portable generator that has not been approved is prohibited.".
2-026	Strike out the Rule.
2-028	Replace the Rule by the following: "**2-028 Mark of approval** (see Appendices A and B) (1) Electrical equipment that has received certification by a certification organization accredited by the Standards Council of Canada that has notified the Régie du bâtiment du Québec of its accreditation and whose certification seal or label attests to compliance with Canadian standards is considered to be approved. (2) Electrical equipment bearing the label of an organization accredited by the Standards Council of Canada that has notified the Board of its accreditation attesting that, without being certified in accordance with Subrule (1), the equipment is recognized as complying with the requirements of CSA Model Code SPE-1000:13 or CSA Model Code SPE-3000:19, is also considered to be approved. However, amendments or subsequent editions of those Standards shall apply, for the purposes of this Rule, from the publication of their French and English versions. If those versions are not published at the same time, the amendments or editions shall apply as of the publication of the last version.

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	(3) Notwithstanding Subrules (1) and (2), approval is not required for each of the components of electrical equipment if the equipment has received an overall approval.”.
2-030	Replace the Rule by the following: “**2-030 Authorization for different or equivalent measures** Where it is not possible to apply the prescriptive requirements of this Code, a different measure shall be authorized or an equivalent measure shall be approved by the Régie du bâtiment du Québec before work begins, on the conditions set by the Board, in accordance with sections 127 and 128 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1).”.
2-032	Replace the Rule heading by “**Damage and interference** (see Appendix B)”.
2-100	Replace “At the time of installation, each” by ”Each” in Subrule (2); Strike out Subrule (4).
2-128	Replace the Rule by the following: “**2-128 Fire spread** Refer to the requirements of the *National Building Code of Canada*.”.
2-130	Replace the Rule by the following: “**2-130 Flame spread requirements for electrical wiring and cables** Refer to the requirements of the *National Building Code of Canada*.”.
2-132	Replace the Rule by the following: “**2-132 Flame spread requirements for totally enclosed non-metallic raceways** Refer to the requirements of the *National Building Code of Canada*.”.
2-134	Replace the Rule by the following: “**2-134 Seismic restraint requirements for electrical equipment** Refer to the requirements of the *National Building Code of Canada*.”.

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2-308	Replace the Rule by the following: "**2-308 Working space around electrical equipment** (1) A minimum working space of 1 m with secure footing shall be provided and maintained around electrical equipment such as control panels, switchboards, and motor control centres in boxes; however, working space shall not be required behind equipment with renewable parts such as fuses or switches where all connections are accessible from locations other than the back. (2) The working space referred to in Subrule (1) shall be in addition to the space required for the operation of drawout-type equipment in either the connected, test, or fully disconnected position and shall be sufficient for the opening of enclosure doors and hinged panels to at least 90°. (3) Working space with secure footing not less than that specified in Table 56 shall be provided around electrical equipment such as control panels, switchboards, and motor control centres having exposed live parts. (4) The minimum headroom of working spaces around control panels and motor control centres where bare live parts are exposed at any time shall be 2.2 m.".
2-312	Strike out the Rule.
2-318	Strike out the Rule.
2-328	Replace the Rule by the following: "**2-328 Electrical equipment near a venting or relief discharge for combustible gas** (see Appendix B) The distance between arc-producing electrical equipment and a venting or relief discharge for combustible gas shall comply with the applicable standards adopted by Chapter II, Gas, of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2).".
	Add the following heading and Rule after Rule 2-404: "**Circuits from different buildings** **2-500 Feeder or branch circuit from another building** (see Appendix B) (1) A feeder or branch circuit from another building shall not be installed to serve electric equipment linked to a building already supplied by a separate consumer's service. (2) Except where a new service is planned to supply the entire electrical installation of the building, a separate consumer's service shall not be

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	installed in a building in which a feeder or branch circuit from another building is already installed. (3) Notwithstanding Subrules (1) and (2), this Rule shall not apply to an emergency supply or to a supply from more than one system, as provided for in Rule 6-106.”.
Section 4	
4-000	Replace “, branch circuits, and photovoltaic circuits” in the portion before Item (1)(a) by “and branch circuits”.
4-006	Strike out “(see Appendix B)” in the heading; Replace Subrules (3), (4), (5) and (6) by the following: “(3) Except for underground installations, Subrules (1) and (2) shall also apply to any allowable ampacity obtained from tables other than those mentioned in Subrule (1). If values different from those at 90 °C are not indicated in those tables, the correction factors in Table 12C shall then be applied.”.
4-018	Add the following Subrule: “(5) Notwithstanding Subrule (3), for underground consumer’s services exceeding 600 A fed by parallel conductors, each neutral conductor shall be minimally sized in accordance with Table 72.”.
Section 6	
6-102	Replace Subrule (1) by the following “(1) There shall be no more than one connection from a supply service of the same voltage run to any building, except that additional supply services shall be permitted for supplying: (a) fire pumps in accordance with Rule 32-304(1); (b) industrial establishments and other complex structures; (c) completely self-contained occupancies where the occupancies (i) are not located one above the other; and (ii) have a separate entrance with direct access to ground level; or

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	(d) a dedicated consumer's service for electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) in an existing building, subject to approval from the supply authority.”.
6-104	Replace the Rule by the following: “**6-104 Number of consumer’s services** (1) The number of low-voltage consumer’s services terminating at any one overhead supply service run shall be limited by the following factors: (a) the total calculated load shall not exceed 600 A; and (b) the number of conductors connected to each supply service conductor shall not exceed 4. (2) In the case of a change to the electrical installation of a building with more than 4 conductors connected to one supply service conductor, replacement of the conductors shall be permitted provided that the total number of conductors is not increased and the total calculated load does not exceed 600 A.”.
6-112	Replace “9 m” in the portion before Item (3)(a) by “8 m”; Replace “means of attachment” in Subrule (7) by “support”; Add the following Subrules: “(10) Notwithstanding Subrule (3), in the case of an existing installation and where it is impossible to comply with the minimum 1 m clearance set out in Subrule (4), the height of the point of attachment of service conductors shall be not more than 9 m, if such a measurement allows compliance with the clearance required. (11) Notwithstanding Subrules (3) and (10), in the case of an existing installation and where it is impossible to comply with the minimum 1 m clearance set out in Subrule (4), it shall be permitted to install a barrier made of solid material so as to make service conductors exposed to persons from a window, door or porch permanently inaccessible. (12) Notwithstanding Subrule (7), in the case of an existing installation in which the service presents no noise problem due to the amplification of vibrations caused by the mutual repulsion of the conductors, it shall be permitted to fasten the service conductor support to a solid wooden structural member of a wall with a lag screw not less than 9 mm in diameter. The threaded part of the lag screw shall penetrate the solid wooden structural member to a depth of at least 75 mm.”.

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6-206	Replace the Rule by the following: "**6-206 Consumer's service equipment location** (see Appendices B and G) (1) Service boxes or other equivalent consumer's service equipment shall be (a) installed in a location that complies with the requirements of the supply authority; (b) readily accessible or have the means of operation readily accessible; and (c) except as provided by Subrules (3), (4), (5), and (6), placed within the building being served, as close as practicable to the point where the consumer's service conductors enter the building and not located in (i) coal bins, clothes closets, bathrooms, or stairways; (ii) rooms in which the temperature normally exceeds 30 °C; (iii) dangerous or hazardous locations; (iv) locations where the headroom clearance is less than 2 m, except in the case of a renovation in a building, provided that the existing clearance is not reduced; (v) areas below the flood elevation; or (vi) any similar places. (2) Notwithstanding Subrule (1)(b), where subject to unauthorized operation, the service disconnecting means shall be permitted to be rendered inaccessible by (a) an integral locking device; (b) an external lockable cover; or (c) location of the service box or its equivalent inside a separate building, room, or enclosure. (3) Notwithstanding Subrule (1)(c), if the environmental conditions inside the structure are not acceptable, it shall be permitted, where a deviation has been allowed in accordance with Rule 2-030, to place the service disconnecting means on the outside of the building or on a pole provided that it is (a) installed in an enclosure approved for the location or of the type approved as protected against the weather; and (b) protected against mechanical damage if it is located less than 2 m above ground. (4) Notwithstanding Subrule (1)(c), the service box shall be permitted to be a meter mounting device equipped with a combined breaker outside the building or on a post, provided that an associated distribution panelboard

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	equipped with a main breaker of a current rating equal to or lower than that of the meter mounting device or to use, outside the building, a service distribution panelboard meeting the same conditions and whose internal components are suitable to the expected use. The service box shall (a) be weatherproof and specifically approved for that use; (b) be protected against mechanical damage if installed less than 2 m above ground; (c) be equipped with a lockable outside cover; and (d) supply only one feeder dedicated to the associated distribution panelboard. (5) The meter mounting devices installed in compliance with Subrule (4) shall be grouped. (6) The consumer's service heads connected to the meter mounting devices installed in accordance with Subrules (4) and (5) shall be grouped so as to require a single connecting point.".
6-302	Replace Subrule (2) by the following: "(2) Except in the case of the repair or replacement of conductors installed on existing trestles and only when the work does not involve any other alteration to the service, no portion of the conductors that is run on the supply side of the consumer's service head on outside building surfaces shall be permitted to be run as exposed wiring.".
6-308	Replace "The neutral conductor" at the beginning of the Rule by "Except for 347/600 V underground consumer's service in a raceway, the neutral conductor".
6-310	Add "(see Appendix B)" in the heading; Replace Item (a) by the following: "(a) a conductor transition is made to meet the requirements of Rule 8-102, provided that the conditions set out in Rule 12-112(5)(a) or (b) are met if the joint is underground; or".
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8-002	Strike out the Rule.

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8-102	Strike out Subrules (3) and (4).
8-106	Strike out Subrule (5); Replace Subrules (9), (10) and (11) by the following : "(9) The calculation method in Subrule (8) shall be permitted to be applied to a change in service or feeder to an existing installation, with or without additional loads. (10) Where electric vehicle supply equipment loads are controlled by an electric vehicle energy management system (EVEMS), the demand load for the electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) shall be equal to the maximum load allowed by the electric vehicle energy management system (EVEMS). (11) For the purposes of Rules 8-200(1)(a)(vi), 8-202(1)(a)(vii), 8-202(3)(d), 8-204(1)(d), 8-206(1)(d), 8-208(1)(d) and 8-210(c), the demand load for the electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) shall not be required to be considered in the determination of the load where an electric vehicle energy management system (EVEMS) as described in Subrule (10) is installed and (a) monitors the consumer's service, feeders and branch circuits; and (b) controls the electric vehicle supply equipment loads in accordance with Rule 8-500. (12) For the purposes of Rules 8-200(1)(a)(vi) and 8-202(1)(a)(vii), all the expected loads of electric vehicle supply equipment (ELEVSE) shall not be required to be included in the load calculated solely for the sizing of the feeder and the panelboard of a dwelling unit if the supply equipment is fed from the feeder upstream from the panelboard of a dwelling unit and if the load is controlled by a load monitoring and load shedding device (LMLSD) to ensure that the lesser of (a) the value of the load calculation for the dwelling unit excluding the rated load of the electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE); or (b) 80% of the rated current for the feeder circuit of the panelboard of the dwelling unit is never exceeded.".
8-108	Add the following Subrule: "(3) When the two-pole overcurrent device for the supply of an electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) is not installed at the time of the original installation and the design provides for its eventual installation

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	in the panelboard of the dwelling unit, in addition to the spaces provided for in Subrules (1) and (2), at least two additional spaces must be provided for a two-pole overcurrent device.”.
8-200	Replace “tout chauffe-eau sans réservoir” at the beginning of Item (1)(a)(v) of the French text by “tout chauffe-eau électrique sans réservoir”;
	Replace Item (1)(a)(vi) by the following: “(vi)subject to Rule 8-106(10) to (12), any electric vehicle supply equipment loads, whether or not electric vehicle supply equipment is installed, with a demand factor of 100%; plus”;
	Replace Subrule (2) by the following: “(2) The calculated load for the consumer's service or feeder conductors supplying two or more dwelling units of row housing shall be based on (a) the calculated load in each dwelling unit, as determined in accordance with Subrule (1), excluding any electric vehicle supply equipment loads described in Rule 8-202(1)(a)(vii), whether or not any electric vehicle supply equipment is installed, and any electric space-heating loads and any air-conditioning loads, with application of demand factors as required by Rule 8-202(3)(a)(i) to (v); plus (b) the requirements of Rule 8-202(3)(b) to (e).”.
8-202	Replace “tous les chauffe-eau sans réservoir” at the beginning of Item (1)(a)(vi) of the French text by “tous les chauffe-eau électriques sans réservoir”;
	Replace Item (1)(a)(vii) by the following: “(vii) subject to Rule 8-106(10) to (12), all electric vehicle supply equipment loads, whether or not any electric vehicle supply equipment is installed, supplied from a panelboard installed in a dwelling unit, with a demand factor of 100%; plus (viii) any loads provided for, in addition, to those outlined in Items (i) to (vii), at (A) 25% of the rating of each load with a rating in excess of 1500 W, if an electric range has been provided for; or

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	(B) 25% of the rating of each load with a rating in excess of 1500 W plus 6000 W, if an electric range has not been provided for; or”;
	Replace “and Subrule (3)(a), (b) and (c)” in Subrule (2) by “and Subrule (3)(a) to (d)”;
	Insert “any electric vehicle supply equipment loads, whether or not any electric vehicle supply equipment is installed,” after “excluding” in Item (3)(a);
	Replace Item (3)(d) by the following: “(d) except as permitted by Rule 8-106(10) to (12), any electric vehicle supply equipment loads, whether or not any electric vehicle supply equipment is installed, shall be added with a demand factor of 100%; and”.
8-204	Insert “, except as permitted by Rule 8-106(3)” after “equipment installed” in Item (1)(c);
	Replace Item (1)(d) by the following: “(d) except as permitted by Rule 8-106(10) and (11), any electric vehicle supply equipment loads, with a demand factor of 100%; plus”.
8-206	Insert “, except as permitted by Rule 8-106(3)” after “equipment installed” in Item (1)(c);
	Replace Item (1)(d) by the following: “(d) except as permitted by Rule 8-106(10) and (11), any electric vehicle supply equipment loads, with a demand factor of 100%; plus”.
8-208	Insert “, except as permitted by Rule 8-106(3)” after “equipment installed” in Item (1)(c);
	Replace Item (1)(d) by the following: “(d) except as permitted by Rule 8-106(10) and (11), any electric vehicle supply equipment loads, with a demand factor of 100%; plus”.

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8-210	Replace Item (c) by the following: "(c) except as permitted by Rule 8-106(10) and (11), any electric vehicle supply equipment loads, with a demand factor of 100%.".
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10-102	Add the following Subrule: "(6) Municipal metal water piping shall not be used as a new grounding electrode.".
10-108	Replace Subrule (2) by the following: "(2) Subject to the interconnection between multiple grounding electrodes required by Rule 10-104, the grounding electrode for a lightning protection system shall be dedicated for use solely by the lightning protection system.".
10-112	Add the following Subrule: "(3) Copper-clad aluminum is prohibited.".
10-114	Replace the Rule by the following: "**10-114 Grounding conductor size** (1) The grounding conductor shall be sized not smaller than No. 6 AWG if of copper or No. 4 AWG if of aluminum. (2) Notwithstanding Subrule (1), in an existing electrical installation, the size of the copper or aluminum grounding conductor connected to a metal water piping system shall be determined according to the allowable ampacity of the largest ungrounded conductor of the circuit, or the equivalent for multiple conductors, and shall not be smaller than: (a) No. 6 AWG copper or No. 4 AWG aluminum for an ampacity of 250 A or less; (b) No. 3 AWG copper or No. 0 AWG aluminum for an ampacity of 251 A to 500 A; (c) No. 0 AWG copper or No. 00 AWG aluminum for an ampacity of 501 A to 1000 A; and (d) No. 00 AWG copper or No. 000 AWG aluminum for an ampacity of 1001 A or more. (3) If another material is used as grounding conductor, its conductivity shall be equivalent to what is required in Subrule (1) or (2).

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	(4) A grounding conductor sized smaller than the size prescribed in Subrules (1) and (2) may be used provided that the conductor is not smaller than the ungrounded conductors of the system being grounded.”.
10-116	Replace the Rule by the following: “**10-116 Installation of grounding conductors** (see Appendix B) (1) The grounding conductor of a system shall not include joints throughout its length, except in the case of busbars, aluminothermic welding joints, compression connectors applied using a compressor tool compatible with that specific connector, or devices specifically approved for serial connection to the grounding conductor if it is necessary to control the effects of stray earth currents. (2) A grounding conductor shall be protected from damage (a) mechanically; or (b) by location. (3) Raceways or sleeves constructed of magnetic materials used to enclose grounding conductors shall be connected to the grounding conductor at both ends. (4) A grounding conductor installed in the same raceway with service conductors shall be insulated, except that an uninsulated grounding conductor shall be permitted where the length of the raceway (a) does not exceed 15 m between pull points; and (b) does not contain more than the equivalent of two 90°bends between pull points.”.
	Add the following after Rule 10-118: “**10-120 Grounding connections of two or more buildings or structures supplied by only one service** (1) Notwithstanding Rule 10-210, if two or more buildings or structures are supplied by only one service, (a) the grounding conductor of the circuit to each building or structure shall be attached to the grounding electrode and to non-current carrying metal parts of the electrical equipment; or (b) the non-current carrying metal parts of the electrical equipment in or on the building or structure shall be bonded to ground by a bonding conductor run with the conductors of the feeder or the branch circuit. (2) Notwithstanding Subrule (1), buildings housing livestock and supplied by a distribution equipment shall be supplied only by a feeder or branch circuit according to Subrule (1)(b).”.

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10-616	Replace Subrule (3) by the following: "(3) The size of a field-installed bonding conductor installed at other than service equipment shall not be less than that determined in accordance with Table 16 based on the allowable ampacity of the largest ungrounded conductor.".
10-700	Replace Item (a) by the following: "(a) the continuous indoor metal water piping system of a building supplied with electrical power, provided that a dielectric joint is installed as close as possible to the water service entrance for the building that electrically insulates the internal metal piping in the building from the external metal piping to ensure that there is no electrical connection between the equipotential bonding inside the building and the metal water supply piping for the building;".
Section 12	
12-012	Replace Subrule (8) by the following: "(8) Raceways and armoured cables and metallic-sheathed cables suitable for direct burial shall be permitted to be installed directly beneath a concrete slab at grade level, provided that the concrete slab is not less than a nominal 100 mm in thickness and the location and depth is labelled in a conspicuous, legible and permanent manner, so that the raceway or cable will not be subject to damage.".
12-022	Replace the Rule by the following: "**12-022 Wiring under the metal deck of a roof** Except for rigid metal conduits, no wiring shall be installed less than 38 mm from the underside of the metal deck of a roof.".
12-108	Replace Subrules (2) and (3) by the following: "(2) Notwithstanding Subrule (1)(a), a single splice at each end per conductor shall be permitted if a transition between conductors is necessary to compensate for the maximum voltage drop provided for in Rule 8-102, provided that it is spliced in the same manner, and that (a) in the case of an overhead installation, the splice is thermit-welded or made by means of a compression connector applied with a compression tool compatible with the particular connector; or

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	(b) in the case of an underground installation, the splice complies with the conditions set out in Rule 12-112(5)(a) or (b) (3) Notwithstanding Subrule (1)(f), conductors of one phase, polarity, or grounded circuit conductor shall not be required to have the same exact length as those of another phase, polarity, or grounded circuit conductor.".
12-116	Add the following Subrule: "(5) It is prohibited to cut strands, add strands or in any other way alter conductors for connection to terminals, lugs or other junctions.".
12-510	Add the following Subrule: "(5) Except in the places provided for the installation of cabinets or counters, non-metallic-sheathed cable concealed in the walls of a dwelling unit between 1 m and 2 m from the floor shall (a) be installed entirely vertically; (b) have its outer surface kept at a distance of at least 32 mm from the hidden edge of the finishing element; or (c) be effectively protected from mechanical damage from driven nails or screws.".
12-516	Replace the Rule by the following: "**12-516 Protection for non-metallic-sheathed cable in concealed installations** (see Appendices B and G) (1) The outer surfaces of non-metallic-sheathed cables shall be kept at a distance of at least 32 mm from the edges of the members intended to be used as support for sheathing or cladding, or the cable shall be effectively protected from mechanical damage. (2) Where non-metallic-sheathed cables pass through a metal member, they shall be protected by an insert approved for the purpose and adequately secured in place. (3) Where non-metallic-sheathed cables are installed behind a baseboard, moulding or other similar finishing element, their outer surfaces shall be kept at a distance of at least 32 mm from the hidden edge of the element, or they shall be effectively protected from mechanical damage from driven nails or screws.".

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12-616	Add the following Subrule: "(3) The installation of armoured cable in a concealed space in a metal element constituting the roof deck of a building or structure is prohibited.".
12-904	Replace Subrule (1) by the following: "(1) Except for single-conductors installed underground in non-metallic raceways, all conductors of a circuit shall be contained in the same raceway, or in the same channel of a multiple-channel raceway except that, where it is necessary to run conductors in parallel due to the capacity of an ac circuit, additional raceways shall be permitted to be used, provided that (a) the conductors are installed in accordance with Rule 12-108(1); (b) each raceway includes an equal number of conductors from each phase, including the neutral conductor and the bonding conductor, if required; and (c) each raceway or cable sheath is of the same material and has the same physical characteristics.".
	Replace "Except for cable tray, no" at the beginning of Subrule (2) by "No".
12-1106	Strike out "either during installation or afterwards" at the end of the Rule.
12-1204	Replace the Rule by the following: "**12-1204 Restrictions on use** Refer to the requirements of the *National Building Code of Canada*.".
12-1404	Strike out "either during installation or afterwards" at the end of Item (a).
12-1718	Replace Subrule (2) by the following: "(2) Refer to the requirements of the *National Building Code of Canada*.".
12-2200	Replace Subrules (7) and (8) by the following: "(7) At least one expansion joint shall be installed in any cable tray run where the expansion of the cable tray due to the maximum probable temperature change could damage the cable tray.".

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12-2202	Add the following after Subrule (7): "(8) No cable tray or subdivisions of cable tray shall contain conductors that are connected to different power or distribution transformers or other different sources of voltage (a) except where the conductors are separated by the metal armour or metal sheath of a cable type listed in Table 19; (b) except where the conductors are separated by a barrier of sheet steel not less than 1.34 mm (No. 16 MSG) thick or a flame-retardant non-metallic insulating material not less than 1.5 mm din thickness, and compatible with the cable tray; or (c) except where (i) the conductors are used for the supply or control of devices and equipment that are interconnected or dependent upon each other for proper operation and functionality; (ii) the conductors are insulated for at least the same voltage as that of the circuit having the highest voltage; and (iii) none of the conductors of the circuits of lower voltages is directly connected to a lighting branch circuit.".
12-2208	Replace the Rule by the following: "**12-2208 Provisions for bonding** (1) Where metal supports for metal cable trays are bolted to the tray and are in good electrical contact with the grounded structural metal frame of a building, the tray shall be deemed to be bonded to ground. (2) If Subrule (1) does not apply, the metal cable tray shall be properly bonded at intervals not exceeding 15 m and the size of bonding conductors shall be based on the ampacity of the largest ungrounded conductor as specified in Rule 10-616 in the circuits carried by the cable tray.".
12-3020	Add "(see Appendix B)" at the end of the Rule heading.
12-3032	Add the following Subrule: "(5) Notwithstanding Subrule (4)(a), current monitoring devices and the associated wiring needed for the operation of an electric vehicle energy management system (EVEMS) or a load monitoring and load shedding device (LMLSD), shall be permitted to be installed in enclosures for overcurrent devices, controllers and externally operated switches designed for that purpose or in the space for the service box as provided in Rule 6-212(2), provided that

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	(a) the wiring and current monitoring devices do not fill the wiring space to more than 75%; and (b) the wiring and current monitoring devices are not connected by either a splice or terminal block inside the enclosure.”.
Section 14	
14-104	Strike out Subrule (2).
Section 22	
22-804	Replace Subrule (2) by the following: “(2) Notwithstanding Subrule (1), locations in a farm building housing livestock that are suitably cut off from a Category 1 or Category 2 location shall be considered dry, ordinary or damp locations in accordance with the relevant requirements of this Code.”.
Section 24	
24-306	Replace the Rule by the following: “**24-306 Emergency electrical power supply system** Refer to the requirements of the *National Building Code of Canada*.”.
Section 26	
26-256	Strike out “(see Appendix B)” in the heading.
	Replace Subrules (4) and (5) by the following: “(4) Where multi-rating transformers are used, the primary and secondary conductors shall have an ampacity rating not less than 125% of the rated primary and secondary current of the transformer at the utilization voltage.”.
26-354	Replace the Rule by the following: “**26-354 Electrical equipment vault construction** Refer to the requirements of the *National Building Code of Canada*.”.

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26-654	Add "and" at the end of Item (d); Replace Items (e) and (f) by the following: "(e) a separate branch circuit shall be provided solely to supply power to each central vacuum system.".
26-656	Replace Items (a) to (h) by the following: "(a) branch circuits from a panelboard installed in accordance with Rule 26-602 shall not be connected to outlets or electrical equipment in any other dwelling unit; (b) notwithstanding Item (a), where a single panelboard is installed as permitted by Rule 26-602(1)(b), branch circuits from that panelboard shall be permitted to supply outlets or electrical equipment in the dwelling units created by the subdivision of the single dwelling; (c) except as may be permitted by Items (d) and (e), at least two branch circuits shall be provided for receptacles (5-15R split or 5-20R) installed for kitchen counters of dwelling units in accordance with Rule 26-722(d)(iii), (iv), and (v), and (i) no more than two receptacles shall be connected to a branch circuit; and (ii) no other outlets shall be connected to these circuits; (d) notwithstanding Item (c), where the provisions of Rule 26-722(d)(iii) require only one receptacle, only one branch circuit need be provided; (e) notwithstanding Item (c)(i), receptacles identified in Rule 26-720(d) shall be permitted to be connected to those receptacles required by Rule 26-722(d)(iii), even though the circuit already supplies two receptacles; (f) outdoor receptacles readily accessible from ground level and installed in accordance with Rule 26-724(a) shall be supplied from at least one branch circuit dedicated for those outdoor receptacles; and (g) at least one branch circuit shall be provided solely for the receptacles in a carport or garage of a single dwelling unit, except that the luminaires and garage door operator for these areas shall be permitted to be connected to this circuit.".
26-658	Replace Item (1)(b) by the following "(b) A single receptacle for a sump pump, sanitary pump or electromedical device where (i) the receptacle is labelled in a conspicuous, legible and permanent manner identifying it as a sump pump, sanitary pump or electric medical device receptacle; and

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	(ii) the branch circuit does not supply any other receptacles.”;
	Replace “metal raceway, armoured cable, or non-metallic conduit or tubing” at the end of Item (2)(b) by “metal raceway or armoured cable”.
	Replace Subrule (3) by the following : “(3) Where one or more 125 V receptacles rated 20 A or less are added to an existing branch circuit that is not provided with arc-fault protection as required by this Rule, the entire branch circuit need not be provided with arc-fault protection where an outlet branch-circuit-type arc-fault circuit interrupter is installed at the first added receptacle to the existing branch circuit. (4) Notwithstanding Rule 8-304, the number of outlets that may be installed on a branch circuit equipped with an arc-fault protection shall not exceed 10.”.
26-706	Strike out Subrule (2).
26-720	Add “and” at the end of Item (l);
	Replace Items (m) and (n) by the following: “(m)public corridors in buildings of residential occupancies shall have at least one duplex receptacle in each 10 m of length or fraction thereof.”.
26-722	Replace Items (d)(iv) and (d)(v) by the following: “(iv)at least one receptacle (15 A split or 20 A T-slot) installed at each permanently fixed island counter space; (v) at least one receptacle (15 A split or 20 A T-slot) installed at each peninsular counter space, except if the wall adjacent to the mating edge of the peninsula is equipped with a receptacle provided for in Item (iii); and”.
26-724	Insert “located on the ground floor” after “dwelling” in Item (a);
	Strike out “overhead” in Item (c).

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Section 28	
28-204	Add the following Subrule: "(5) Where a feeder supplies electric equipment, such as a splitter, motor control centre, switchgear or switchboard, it shall be permitted that the overcurrent protection that supplies the feeder be determined according to the value of the rating of the circuit, provided that it does not exceed the value of the rating indicated on that equipment, unless Rule 14-104 authorizes it.".
28-604	Replace Items (4)(a), (b) and (c) by the following: "(a) it is capable of safely making and interrupting the locked rotor current of the connected load; and (b) it is capable of being locked in the open position.".
Section 30	
30-200	Replace Subrule (1) by the following: "(1) Luminaires installed in a location where combustible materials may be stored or that are installed near or over such combustible materials shall be equipped with shades or guards to limit the temperature to which the combustible material may be subjected to a maximum of 90 °C.".
30-308	Replace Subrule (4) by the following: "(4) Each double-ended lamp or fluorescent luminaire installed in a branch circuit exceeding 150 volts-to-ground shall (a) include a disconnecting means integrated into the luminaire, that cuts simultaneously all the circuit conductors between the branch circuit conductors and the ballast supply conductors; (b) bear a conspicuous, legible, and permanent marking adjacent to the disconnecting means, identifying the intended purpose; and (c) notwithstanding Item (a), the bonding conductor shall be permitted to remain connected when the disconnecting means is disconnected. (5) Notwithstanding Subrule (4), it shall be permitted that the disconnecting means not be integrated into the luminaire where (a) the luminaire is supplied by a flexible cord with a male connector for connection to a receptacle; or

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	(b) the luminaire is supplied by connecting the female connector of a power supply cord in a luminaire equipped with a receptacle.”.
30-320	Replace Item (3)(b) by the following: “(b) if the requirement of Item (a) cannot be complied with, be protected by a Class A ground fault circuit interrupter and be installed inside the room without being located within the perimeter of the bath or shower.”;
	Add the following Subrule: “(4) The wall switches referred to in this Rule shall not be installed outside the room.”.
Section 32	Replace the section heading by “**Fire pumps**”.
32-000	Replace Subrule (1) by the following: “(1) This Section applies to the installation of fire pumps required by the *National Building Code of Canada*.”.
	Strike out Subsection “Fire alarm systems”.
32-200	Replace the Rule by the following: “**32-200 Installation of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in dwelling units** Refer to the requirements of the *National Building Code of Canada*.”.
32-300	Replace the Rule by the following: “**32-300 Insulated conductors** (see Appendices B and G) Insulated conductors from the emergency power source to a fire pump shall have an ampacity not less than (a) 125% of the full load current rating of the motor, where an individual motor is provided with the fire pump; and (b) 125% of the sum of the full load currents of the fire pump, jockey pump, and the fire pump auxiliary loads, where two or more motors are provided with the first pump.”.
32-302	Replace “All insulated conductors” at the beginning by “To ensure mechanical protection, all insulated conductors”.

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32-306	Replace the Rule by the following: "**32-306 Disconnecting means and overcurrent protection** (see Appendices B and G) (1) It shall be permitted to install immediately downstream of the service box the disconnecting means and associated overcurrent protection device permitted in the *National Building Code of Canada* and capable of interrupting the circuit of the fire pump. (2) It shall be permitted to install downstream of the service box of the normal supply circuit, regardless of the presence or not of the disconnecting means referred to in Subrule (1), an unfused switch lockable in the OFF position and labelled in a conspicuous, legible, and permanent manner, identifying it as the fire pump disconnecting means. (3) The unfused switch referred to in Subrule (2) shall (a) be capable of safely making and interrupting the locked rotor current of the connected load; (b) comply with the requirements of the supply authority; (c) bear a marking indicating the need to maintain it at all times in the ON position to ensure functionality of the fire pump; and (d) be equipped with at least one of the activation supervision devices permitted under the *National Building Code of Canada*, to signal the provisional deactivation of the fire pump.".
Section 38	Replace the Section by the following: "**Section 38 — Elevators, dumbwaiters, material lifts, escalators, moving walks, lifts for persons with physical disabilities, and similar equipment** Refer to the requirements of Chapter IV, Elevators and other elevating devices, of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2).".
Section 44	
44-100	Strike out the Rule.
Section 46	
46-108	Add the following Subrule "(6) Notwithstanding Subrules (4) and (5), it shall be permitted to provide power to new life safety system loads, provided that they are

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	(a) located in the same building and supplied from a panelboard put into place before 1 March 2011 in that same building; or (b) supplied from a new panelboard, located in a new part of the building, provided that the panelboard is supplied by a single feeder from a panelboard put into place before 1 March 2011.".
46-202	Replace Subrule (3) by the following: "(3) Where a generator is used, it shall be (a) of sufficient capacity to carry the load; and (b) arranged to start automatically without failure and without undue delay upon the failure of the normal power supply to any transfer switch connected to the generator.".
46-208	Replace Subrule (3) by the following: "(3) Notwithstanding Subrule (1) and Rule 32-306, where the circuit breaker is installed in an emergency power circuit between the generator and the fire pump transfer switch, the breaker shall be permitted to connect on the line side of the generator main circuit breaker, and the selective coordination required by Subrule (1) shall not be required.".
Section 54	Strike out the Section.
Section 58	Replace the Section by the following: "**Section 58 — Passenger ropeways and similar equipment** Refer to the requirements of Chapter VII, Passenger ropeways, of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2).".
Section 60	
60-108	Strike out the Rule.
60-500	Strike out the Rule.
60-502	Strike out the Rule.
60-504	Strike out the Rule.

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60-506	Strike out the Rule.
60-508	Strike out the Rule.
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60-600	Strike out the Rule.
60-602	Strike out the Rule.
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Section 62	
62-108	Strike out "(see Appendix B)" in the heading; Strike out Subrule (4).
62-114	Replace "Service," at the beginning of Subrule (7) by "Except for branch circuits supplying water heaters, service,".
62-130	Replace the Rule by the following: "**62-130 Heater controls installed in proximity of tubs or shower stalls** (1) A manually operated control for a heating device shall be located not less than 1 m from a tub or shower stall, this distance being measured horizontally between the control and the tub or shower stall without piercing a wall, partition, or similar obstacle. (2) Notwithstanding Subrule (1), a manually operated control shall be permitted to be located less than 1 m from a tub or shower stall, and be installed in the room, without being located within the perimeter of the tub or shower stall, provided that it is (a) protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter of the Class A type; or (b) supplied by an extra-low-voltage Class 2 circuit.".

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62-202	Replace Subrule (2) by the following: "(2) Notwithstanding Subrule (1), self-regulating trace heater sets and self-regulating heater panel sets shall be permitted to extend into a second room adjacent to the main room and be controlled by a single temperature control device in the main room, provided that the heater located in the adjacent room has a total power rating of no more than 50% of the heating power rating installed in the main room.".
Section 64	Strike out the Section.
Section 66	
66-000	Replace Subrules (2) and (3) by the following: "(2) The requirements of this Section supplement or amend the general requirements of this Code.".
	Add the following Subsection and Rules at the end: "**Itinerant rides** **66-600 Bonding** Notwithstanding Rules 66-200 and 66-202, an itinerant ride shall be permitted to be bonded to ground by one of the following: (a) a loop-shaped copper conductor at least equal in size to that specified in Table 16, but not less than No. 6 AWG, installed so as to form a loop around the ride or around the group of rides connected to the supply system of those rides; the ends of the loop shall be connected to a copper busbar whose terminals are connected to the grounded neutral conductor of the supply system. The non-current-carrying metal parts of the supply system and of the rides connected to the system shall be connected to the loop-shaped conductor by means of a copper conductor at least equal in size to that specified in Table 16, but not less than No. 6 AWG; or (b) an insulated copper conductor, attached to the supply cable, at least equal in size to that specified in Table 16, but not less than No. 6 AWG. **66-602 Splitter** An itinerant ride shall be permitted to be connected to the supply system by means of a movable splitter provided that the splitter is waterproof and dustproof and is raised at least 25 mm from the surface on which it is installed.

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	66-604 Bare live parts The cover of a box containing live parts shall be screwed shut or key-locked. Failing that, the box shall be inaccessible to the public. **66-606 Supply** A receptacle used to supply an amusement ride shall be of the locking type or the equivalent. In addition, a receptacle that does not ensure the simultaneous disconnecting of all conductors shall be inaccessible to the public.”.
Section 68	
68-304	Replace the Rule by the following: “**68-304 Control** The electric controls of a hydromassage bathtub shall (a) be located in the room where the bathtub is; and (b) unless the controls are an integral part of an approved factory-built hydromassage bathtub, be equipped with an on-off switch located behind a barrier or not less than 1 m horizontally from the wall of the bathtub.”.
Section 72	
72-108	Add the following Subrules: “(5) Each space for a camping vehicle that is equipped with sewer service shall be provided with at least one receptacle of each of the types described in Subrules(1)(a) or (b) and (1)(c). (6) Each space for a camping vehicle shall, if equipped only with running water, be provided with a receptacle of the type described in Subrule (1)(a) or (b).”.
Section 76	
76-014	Replace “except by special permission” at the end of the Rule by “unless an appropriate warning is displayed at all the points of interconnection or other dangerous areas”.
76-016	Replace “having CSA configuration 5-15R or 5-20R” by “of 15 A and 20 A to 125 V”.

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Section 86	
86-100	Strike out the defined term: "**Electric vehicle supply equipment**".
	Add the following after Rule 86-200: "**86-202 Dedicated basic infrastructure for the supply of electric vehicle supply equipment in single dwellings** (1) A dedicated basic supply infrastructure for electric vehicle supply equipment (DBISEVSE), with sufficient capacity for electric vehicle supply equipment loads, shall be planned and installed in each new single dwelling having a garage, carport or parking space. (2) The basic installation required under Subrule (1) shall come from a branch circuit panelboard and terminate in an outlet box approved for the location for the future installation of electric vehicle supply equipment, located in the garage or carport or close to the parking space for the single dwelling. **86-204 Dedicated basic infrastructure for electric vehicle supply equipment supply in apartment buildings** (1) Every parking space for a new apartment building, except a visitor parking space, shall be provided with a dedicated basic infrastructure for electric vehicle supply equipment (DBISEVSE) supply with sufficient capacity for electric vehicle supply equipment loads for the future installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) close to each parking space for the apartment building. (2) Notwithstanding Subrule (1), it shall be permitted to share a basic infrastructure to supply the planned electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) when it serves more than one parking space for the same dwelling unit.".
86-300	Replace the Rule by the following: "**86-300 Branch circuits** (see Appendix B) (1) Except as permitted by Subrules (2) to (4), electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) shall be supplied by a separate branch circuit that supplies no other loads except ventilation equipment intended for use with the electric vehicle supply equipment. (2) Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) shall be permitted to be supplied by a branch circuit that supplies loads in addition to those

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	described in Subrule (1), provided that an electric vehicle energy management system (EVEMS) is installed in accordance with Rule 8-106(10) or (11). (3) Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) shall be permitted to be supplied by a branch circuit that supplies other loads provided that a control device is installed in accordance with Rule 8-106(2). (4) Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) shall be permitted to be supplied by a branch circuit from a load monitoring and load shedding device (LMLSD) installed in accordance with Rule 8-106(12).".
86-304	Replace "ayant un courant nominal d'au moins 60 A" in Subrule (1) of the French text by "dont le courant nominal est de plus de 60 A"; Replace Subrule (3) by the following: "(3) Notwithstanding Rule 86-300(1), a single disconnecting means shall be permitted to be used to control two or more pieces of electric vehicle supply equipment provided they are supplied from the same branch circuit and each piece of electric vehicle supply equipment is rated at not more than 60 A.".
86-306	Replace the Rule by the following: "**86-306 Receptacles for electric vehicle supply equipment** (see Appendix B) (1) Each receptacle used for electric vehicle charging shall be labelled in a conspicuous, legible and permanent manner, identifying that it is a receptacle for an electric vehicle supply equipment and the receptacle shall be (a) a single receptacle of CSA configuration 5-20R supplied from a 125 V branch circuit rated not less than 20 A; or (b) of the appropriate CSA configuration in accordance with Diagram 1 or 2 when supplied from a branch circuit rated at more than 125 V or more than 20 A. (2) When the receptacle referred to in Subrule (1)(a) is installed outdoors and within 2.5 m of finished grade, it shall be protected with a ground fault circuit interrupter of the Class A type. (3) In installations including an electric vehicle energy management system (EVEMS), the use of receptacles shall be limited to an EVEMS that can control the supply of the branch circuit for the receptacle to which electric vehicle supply equipment is connected.".

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Table 1	Replace the allowable ampacities in the first three rows and in columns 2 (60 °C), 3 (75 °C) and 4 (90 °C) by the following: “ 20 20 20 25 25 25 40 40 40 ”.
Table 2	Replace the allowable ampacities in the first three rows and in columns 2 (60 °C), 3 (75 °C) and 4 (90 °C) by the following: “ 15 15 15 20 20 20 30 30 30 ”.
Table 3	Replace the allowable ampacities in the first three rows and in columns 2 (60 °C), 3 (75 °C) and 4 (90 °C) by the following: “ 20 20 20 30 30 30 45 45 45 ”.
Table 4	Replace the allowable ampacities in the first three rows and in columns 2 (60 °C), 3 (75 °C) and 4 (90 °C) by the following: “ 15 15 15 25 25 25 35 35 35 ”.

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“Electrical installation
From the definition of “electrical installation”, it is understood that installations, from the connecting point where the supply authority supplies the customer or from any other supply, to the connection point where the equipment receives its power to function, are electrical installations as defined in the Code. “Electrical installation” therefore means the infrastructure used to direct the electrical current to equipment requiring the current to function (appliance, equipment, specialized system) but not such equipment. The following systems in particular are not electrical installations as defined in the Code: intercommunication systems, public address systems, synchronized clock systems, visual, sound, or voice signalling systems, telephony systems, their interconnection to the telephone network, closed circuit television</td></tr>
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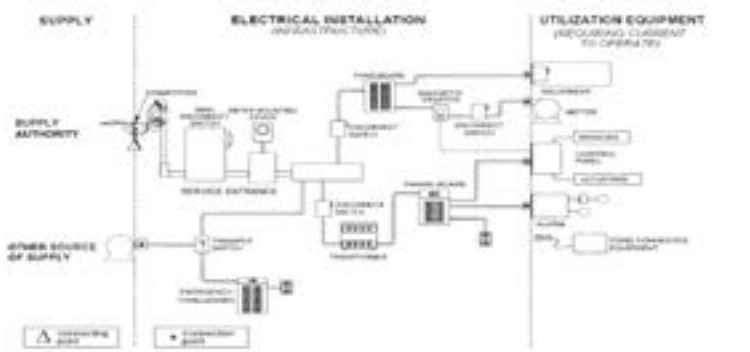
	systems, access cards, community antennae, instrumentation and regulation systems related to heating, air conditioning, air venting and industrial processes, burglar alarm systems, fire alarm systems, and the metering equipment of the supply authority.  ”.
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	Insert the following before the Note to Rule 2-024: “**Rule 2-014** Because the Rules require the basic infrastructure to be installed when a building is constructed, but since charging infrastructures may be put in place gradually, it will be important to plan the full deployment of the electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) in compliance with the Rules at the design stage for the basic infrastructure. As regards existing buildings, it is important to note that as soon as the first electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) is added, the designer must plan for the possibility that all parking spaces will be equipped with an electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE), except visitor parking spaces, without exceeding the limits set by the capacity of the building’s electrical infrastructure (.e. service box, transformers, meter centres, feeders to panelboards in dwelling units, etc.).”.

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Rule 2-024(1)	Replace the Note by the following: "**Rule 2-024(1) and (2)** Subrule (1) specifies that the selling or renting, or the offering for sale or rent, of electrical equipment that has not been approved is prohibited. It is intended by Subrule (2) to emphasize that only electrical equipment "approved" for the intended use should be used in the electrical installations to which Chapter V, Electricity, of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) applies. "Approved" is a defined term that includes the certification of electrical equipment based on the relevant product standards or another means ensuring compliance with the requirements of the regulating authorities (see Rule 2-028). For the purposes of Subrule (2), the sentence "All electrical equipment used in an electrical installation shall be approved for the use for which it is intended" extends to the acceptability of the electrical equipment for the environment in which it is to be installed. The link to the updated list of recognized organizations can be found on the website of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec.".
Rule 2-026	Strike out the Note.
	Insert the following before the Note to Rule 2-032(3): "**Rule 2-028** When electrical equipment is subjected to field modification by means other than an approved field installable kit, such modification may void the original approval of the equipment. Thus, it is also intended by this Rule that upon completion of any field modification that voids the original approval of the equipment, the equipment should be made approved in accordance with the provisions of the regulatory authority (that is, in accordance with CSA Model Code SPE-1000 or other programs accepted by the participating regulatory authority). The link to the updated list of recognized organizations can be found on the website of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec.".
Rule 2-100(4)	Strike out the Note.
Rule 2-308	Strike out the Note.

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Rule 2-328	Replace the Note by the following: "**Rules 2-328 and 64-918(10)** It is important to refer to the standards adopted under Chapter II, Gas, of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) depending on the context for the gas installation so as not to be limited only to CSA B149.1 and CSA B149.2 standards. Depending on the type of installation, compliance is also required with the clearance required for gas relief devices, in accordance with the applicable standards. It includes the requirements of CAN/CSA Z662 standard for gas installations, the requirements of CSA B108.1 standard for compressed natural gas refuelling stations, the requirements of CSA B108.2 standard for liquefied natural gas, and the requirements of CAN/BNQ 1784-000 standard for installations using hydrogen. Flowmeters are not considered to be devices equipped with a vent or relief discharge for combustible gas. The prescribed distances are measured from the combustible gas relief device and not from the appliance. An appliance may be located near arc-producing equipment provided that an airtight conduit conveys the exhaust gas beyond the prescribed distances.".
	Add the following Note after the Note to Rule 2-400: "**Rule 2-500** The intent of this Rule is to limit as much as possible the mixing of circuits of one building with those of another so as to ensure the safety of occupants, particularly in cases of emergency or maintenance work. If a new feeder is provided, it must supply all loads including those that were previously supplied by another building.".
Section 4	
Rule 4-006	Strike out the Note.
Rule 4-006(3)	Strike out the Note.
Rule 4-006(4) and (5)	Strike out the Note.

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Section 6	
	Add the following after the Note to Rule 6-212(2): "**Rule 6-310(a) and (b)(ii)** The joints and splices should be installed (a) in a junction box adequately protected from mechanical damage, located at least 1 m above the ground and attached to a building or post; or (b) with devices or material specifically approved to make underground joints and splices. The compatibility of the conductors' material with the material of the devices used to make the joints and splices should be ensured. Special care should be given to the location of those joints and splices to limit as much as possible the length of the shortest conductors. All the precautions necessary should also be taken regarding a possible movement of the soil (in particular frost), as specified in Rule 12-012(12).".
Section 8	
Rule 8-002	Strike out the Note.
Rule 8-102(3)	Strike out the Note.
Rule 8-106(9)	Strike out the Note.
	Insert the following after Rule 8-106(10): "**Rule 8-106(11)** It is provided that if the electric vehicle energy management system (EVEMS) meets all the relevant conditions in this Rule, the demand load of the electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) governed by the electric vehicle energy management system (EVEMS) need not be considered, in accordance with Rule 8-500, in the calculation of the load. **Rule 8-106(12)** This permission applies solely to the sizing of the feeder supplying the panelboard of the dwelling unit. The electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) load shall be considered when sizing the service and infrastructures upstream from the feeders and panelboards of the dwelling units.".

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Section 10	
Rule 10-112	Replace the Note by the following: "**Rule 10-112** Although copper is the most common material used to manufacture grounding conductors, other materials may also be used, such as aluminium, copper-clad steel, steel-clad copper, or steel-clad aluminium. For that purpose, copper-clad aluminium is not accepted. Where materials other than copper are used, precautions should be taken, both at the terminations and all along the route as well. Most of the grounding electrical equipment available on the market is compatible with copper only. Different solutions exist to make the materials compatible with the terminations. Thermit-welding or approved adaptors are used the most. Even if adaptors are used at the terminations to ensure longevity, documentation confirming the suitability of the material may be required, especially if there is a risk that the conductor made from a material other than copper could come into contact with dissimilar metals along its route. Subrule (2), as well as Rules 2-116 and 10-504, require that consideration be given to materials subject to galvanic action or corrosion. For instance, copper conductors in contact with aluminium are subject to galvanic action. Building covering materials and aluminium conductors in contact with masonry or earth are also subject to corrosion. Precautions should be taken at all times to ensure that deterioration from corrosion or galvanic action will be avoided all along the route. The durability of the grounding, which is essential, must be ensured at all times.".
Rule 10-114	Strike out the note.
Section 12	
Rule 12-022	Strike out the note.
	Insert the following after the Note to Rule 12-108: "**Rule 12-108(2)(b)** See Note to Rule 6-310(a) and (b)(ii).".

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	Insert the following after Rule 12-3016(4): "**Rule 12-3020** Considering in particular possible condensation due to regular changes in temperature and humidity rate, outlet boxes installed outdoors or hidden between the cladding and the insulation on the exterior facade of walls should be rarely considered as being in a dry or ordinary location. The contractor or owner-builder should pay close attention to the location where the boxes are installed, and provide equipment suitable to that location. For example, an outlet box to be installed between the cladding and insulation in an exterior wall normally corresponds to a damp location, according to the definition in this Code, in Section 0. In such a case, the box and its cover shall be selected as being suitable for the given location, and shall comply with the requirements of that Rule and those of Rule 12-3016, when they apply.".
Section 26	
Rule 26-256	Strike out the Note concerning Rule 26-256(4).
Rule 26-706	Strike out second paragraph of the Note.
Rule 26-706(1)(a)	Replace "area designed to provide care to persons" by "establishment designed to provide educational childcare services".
	Insert the following after the Note to Rule 26-712(b): "**Rule 26-720(e)(iv)** For the purposes of this item, a "finished basement" is a basement in which the foundation walls are finished and the ceiling is covered using finishing materials (plasterboard, acoustic tiles); however, the requirement for a duplex receptacle in Rule 26-720(e)(iv) does not create a dispensation from the requirement to install receptacles for the specific uses required by other provisions of the Code.".
Rule 26-720(n)	Strike out the Note.
Rule 26-722(d)(iv) and (v)	Strike out the Note.

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Rule 26-722(d)(v)	Strike out the Note.
Section 28	
Rule 28-104	Replace the Note by the following: "**Rule 28-104** Rule 4-006 does not apply to conductors terminating on Class A motors because Rule 28-104(2) allows sizing of conductors for Class A motors based on a 90 °C conductor insulation rating. However, the Code user should be aware that the conductor termination temperature requirements of Rule 4-006 do apply to conductors that are terminated on supply or control equipment.
Section 32	
Rule 32-300	Replace the Note by the following: "**Rule 32-300** The intent of this Rule is to select the size of the conductors so as not to compromise the integrity of their insulation when they are subject to a fault current (see Rule 32-306 and the associated Note in Appendix B). The intent of this Rule is also to protect the feeder conductors between a fire pump and an emergency power source from fire damage. The *National Building Code of Canada* requires that conductors supplying life and fire safety equipment be protected against exposure to fire to ensure continued operation of this equipment for a period not less than 1 hour. NFPA 20 also mandates protection of circuits feeding fire pumps against damage by fire. Specific requirements pertaining to the fire resistance rating of a material or an assembly of materials can be found in Article 3.2.7.10. of Division B of the *National Building Code of Canada* or in the appropriate municipal legislation.".
Rule 32-302	Add the following paragraph after the first paragraph of the Note: "It is also important to note that the wiring methods listed in Rule 32-302 are intended to provide mechanical protection for the conductors of fire pump equipment, but do not ensure compliance with the requirement of Rule 32-300(b) which is intended to protect conductors against fire to ensure continuous operation in accordance with the *National Building Code of*

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	Canada. It is important to meet both the requirement for mechanical protection in Rule 32-302 and the requirement for protection against fire in Rule 32-300(b).”.
Rule 32-306	Replace the Note by the following: “**Rule 32-306** Through the requirements of the *National Building Code of Canada* related to the installation of fire pumps (NFPA 20), the intent of this Rule is to allow only a circuit breaker lockable in the closed position and identified as the fire pump disconnecting means to be installed upstream from the fire pump controller in a normal power supply circuit, or upstream from the fire pump transfer switch in an emergency power supply circuit. Under the legislation of Québec, as in the Canadian Electrical Code, it shall be permitted that the disconnecting means capable of interrupting the circuit of the fire pump, where applicable, be installed immediately downstream of the service box (or equivalent), and not only upstream. This Rule requires that a fire pump overcurrent protection device be set to enable uninterrupted operation under fire pump starting conditions. Such overcurrent protection devices are installed upstream from a fire pump controller or upstream from a fire pump transfer switch, and have that capability whether they form part of the normal power supply circuit or the emergency power supply circuit. A typical locked rotor current for a fire pump is at least 500% of the full load current and fire pump suppliers should be consulted to determine the specific locked rotor current for the fire pump selected for a specific application. The setting of the overcurrent protection of the circuit breaker in a normal power supply circuit should be able to carry the locked rotor current of the fire pump indefinitely. The setting of the overcurrent protection of the circuit breaker in an emergency power supply circuit (generator) should be coordinated with the integral overcurrent protection of the fire pump controller or the transfer switch in such a manner that the upstream overcurrent protection devices do not disconnect the circuit prior to the operation of the fire pump controller or transfer switch overcurrent protection. Under the *National Building Code of Canada*, through NFPA 20, the main protection of the generator may be bypassed by a direct connection between the emergency power supply circuit and the fire pump transfer switch. That relaxation eliminates the requirements of coordination between the main protection of the generator and the protection of the fire pump circuit, as required by Rule 46-208(1).

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	It should also be noted that NFPA 20 requires that the fire pump controller or transfer switch protection have an instantaneous trip setting of not more than 20 times the full load current. NFPA 20 also requires that the fire pump controller or transfer switch protection carry a minimum of 300% of the fire pump full load current during 8 to 20 seconds. Lastly, Subrule (2) allows the installation downstream of the service box (or equivalent) of the normal supply circuit, regardless of the presence or not of a disconnecting means referred to in Subrule (1), of an unfused switch between the service box (or equivalent) of the normal power supply circuit and a fire pump transfer switch or controller. The activation supervision devices allowed under the *National Building Code of Canada* (to signal the temporary deactivation of the fire pump) and referred to in Subrule (3)(d) are provided for in the 2016 edition of NFPA 20.”.
Section 62	
Rule 62-108(4)	Strike out the Note.
Section 64	
Rule 64-918(7)	Replace the Note by the following: “**Rule 64-918(10)** See Note to Rules 2-328 and 64-918(10).”.
Section 86	
Rule 86-306(1)(b)	Replace the Note by the following: “**Rule 86-306** For the purposes of Rule 86-306, receptacles for electric vehicle supply equipment are not subjected to the requirements of Rule 26-706 (respecting the requirement for tamper-resistant receptacles) and Rule 26-658 (respecting arc-fault protection of branch circuits for dwelling units), even if they are supplied from a panelboard situated in a dwelling unit. It is intended by the requirement of Rule 86-306(1)(b) that, when a connector is used with an attachment plug other than CSA configuration 5-20P, this connector be a universal plug compatible with the receptacles of the appropriate CSA configuration as specified in Diagram 1 or 2.

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	In addition, the requirement for the ground fault protection of the branch circuit supplying a receptacle of the EVSE installed outdoors may be omitted if the EVSE has an integrated GFCI protection.".
Appendix G	Replace the Appendix by the following: "**Appendix G — Electrical installations of fire protection systems** Refer to the requirements of the *National Building Code of Canada*.".
Appendix I	Strike out the Appendix.
Appendix L	Strike out the Appendix.
Appendix M	Replace Note 2) by the following: "2) *In Québec, the Charter of the French language (chapter C-11) and the regulations under it, including the Regulation respecting the language of commerce and business (chapter C-11, r. 9), set out the language requirements for public signs and posters. Signs and posters must be in the French language. However, public signs and posters concerning health or public safety may be both in French and in another language.*"; Strike out the warning concerning Rule 12-2208(4).

DIVISION III
OFFENCES

5.06. Any contravention of any provision of this Chapter, except Rule 2-008 introduced by section 5.05 of this Chapter, constitutes an offence.".

3. The provisions of Chapter V of the Code, as they read before 26 March 2026, may be applied to construction work on an electrical installation provided that the work begins before 26 September 2026.

4. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 237-2026, 25 February 2026

Regulation to amend the Safety Code

WHEREAS, under the first and second paragraphs of section 175 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1), the Régie du bâtiment du Québec must adopt, by regulation, a safety code containing the safety standards for buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations and their vicinity, and standards for their maintenance, use, state of repair, operation and hygiene;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 1 of the third paragraph of section 175 of the Act, the code may contain standards regarding fire and accident prevention and protection;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 3 of the third paragraph of section 175 of the Act, the code may contain standards regarding the supervision measures required and the qualifications of the persons who are to carry them out;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 4 of the third paragraph of section 175 of the Act, the code may contain standards regarding materials, apparatus and equipment to be used or prohibited in buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 5 of the third paragraph of section 175 of the Act, the code may contain standards regarding the assembly, erection, inspection, certification, approval, quantity, site and tests of materials, facilities, apparatus and installations;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 6 of the third paragraph of section 175 of the Act, the code may contain standards regarding the use, display and storage of substances involving safety hazards;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 7 of the third paragraph of section 175 of the Act, the code may contain standards for the transportation by pipeline and the storage, handling, transfer and distribution of gas or petroleum products;

WHEREAS, under section 176 of the Act, the code may require manufacturers to provide instructions regarding the assembly, erection, maintenance and inspection of materials, facilities and installations;

WHEREAS, under section 176.1 of the Act, the code may, with respect to the matters to which it applies, contain provisions concerning the subjects listed in section 185 of the Act;

WHEREAS, under section 178 of the Act, the code may require observance of a technical standard drawn up by another government or by an agency empowered to draw up such standards and also provide that any reference they make to other standards include subsequent amendments;

WHEREAS, under section 179 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may determine the provisions of a code of which the infringement shall constitute an offence under paragraph 7 of section 194 of the Act;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 0.1 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, exempt from the application of the Act or certain of its provisions categories of persons, contractors, owner-builders, manufacturers of pressure installations, or owners of buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations, and categories of buildings, pressure installations, facilities, installations or construction work;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 5.1 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, establish the conditions and the manner according to which a permit referred to in sections 35.2 and 37.1 of that Act is issued, amended or renewed, its period of validity and, if warranted, the cases in which obtaining such a permit is tied to the implementation of a quality control program, and the conditions and the procedure for the approval of such a program by the Board or a person or a body recognized by the Board;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 5.2 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, fix the fees payable for the issue, amendment or renewal of a permit by a person referred to in sections 35.2 and 37.1 of the Act and the related registration, examination and evaluation fees;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 6.1 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, prescribe safety standards for the use of a container that contains gas or a petroleum product and is mounted on a vehicle that are applicable when the vehicle is stationary, and safety standards for the transfer, storage and distribution of the gas or petroleum product contained in the container;

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WHEREAS, under paragraph 6.4 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, determine the cases in which and the place where a permit referred to in sections 35.2 and 37.1 must be posted;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 22 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, set, for the determining of the levy payable by each owner or operator of a gas petroleum product distribution undertaking, a fixed amount or an amount in relation to the volume of gas or petroleum products sold or both together, and determine the period for which the levy is payable by each owner or operator, define what constitutes the volume of gas or petroleum products sold and determine the maximum thereof;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 24 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, prescribe, for the purposes of subparagraphs 21 and 22 of that section, the form and content of the report to be forwarded to by a contractor, a person holding a permit issued under section 37.1 or the owner or operator of a gas or petroleum product distribution undertaking, as well as the time limit within which it must be forwarded;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 33 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, prescribe the form, content and manner of forwarding of the register of buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations that each owner must place at its disposal;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 36 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, set the time limit and the manner of payment of the levy payable by each contractor, each person holding a permit issued under section 37.1 of the Act, each owner of a building, facility intended for use by the public, installation independent of a building or petroleum equipment installation and each owner or operator of a gas or petroleum product distribution undertaking;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 37 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, determine the provisions of a regulation adopted under that section of which the infringement shall constitute an offence under paragraph 7 of section 194 of the Act, with the exception of provisions adopted under subparagraphs 5.2, 18, 18.1, 20 and 36.1 and under subparagraphs 16 and 17 with respect to fees payable;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 38 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, adopt, generally, any other related or suppletory provision it considered necessary to give effect to the provisions of that section and of the Act.

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 192 of the Act, the contents of the code or regulations may vary according to the classes of persons, contractors, owner-builders, owners of buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building and classes of buildings, pressure installations, facilities or installations to which the code or regulations apply;

WHEREAS, by its resolution of 12 February 2025, the board of directors of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec adopted the Regulation to amend the Safety Code;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Safety Code was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 14 May 2025 with a notice that it could be approved by the Government, with or without amendment, on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS, under section 189 of the Building Act, every code or regulation of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec is subject to approval by the Government which may approve it with or without amendment;

WHEREAS, by its resolution of 10 December 2025, the board of directors of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec recommended to the Minister of Labour that the Regulation to amend the Safety Code be submitted to the Government for approval and publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*;

WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Regulation with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Safety Code, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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Regulation to amend the Safety Code

Building Act
(chapter B-1.1, s. 175, 1st par., 2nd par., 3rd par., subpars. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, ss. 176, 176.1, 178, 179, 185, pars. 0.1, 5.1, 5.2, 6.1, 6.4, 22, 24, 33, 36, 37 and 38, and s. 192).

1. The Safety Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 3) is amended by replacing Chapter III by the following:

"**CHAPTER III**
GAS

DIVISION I
DEFINITIONS

27. In this Chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise,

"appliance" means a device to convert gas into energy or compress it for fuelling and that includes the components, controls, wiring and piping or tubing that is an integral part of the device; (*appareil*)

"combustion products" means products that result from the combustion of gas in the presence of oxygen in the air, including inert gases, but not excess air; (*produits de combustion*)

"connector" means a factory-fabricated assembly consisting of gas conduit and related fittings designed to convey gaseous fuel from a gas supply piping to the gas inlet of an appliance; (*tuyau de raccordement*)

"container" means a cylinder, a tank or any other container used to store gas; (*récipient*)

"cylinder" means a container designed and manufactured according to the specifications of Transport Canada or the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) for the storage and transportation of gas; (*bouteille*)

"enclosure" means a secondary structure or room within or attached to a structure in which an appliance is installed; (*enceinte*)

"filling plant" means an installation intended for the distribution, storage or transfer of propane that has a fixed, unconnected, portable or in transit storage capacity of more than 5,000 American gallons (US gal) (18,927 L) in water capacity, or a fixed or mobile transfer unit. A mobile transfer unit is a device not permanently fixed or that may be used in a manner not permanently fixed and used for the transfer of propane from one container to another; (*station de remplissage*)

"gas" means natural gas, biomethane, manufactured gas, and mixtures of propane gas and air, propane, propylene, butanes (normal butane or isobutane) and butylenes, and a type or a mixture of those gases, as well as hydrogen; (*gaz*)

"gas installation" means a fixed, mobile or portable installation, including its immediate piping or tubing, intended to use, store or distribute gas, and a container mounted on a vehicle and intended to store or distribute gas, including gas transfer, when the vehicle is stationary; (*installation de gaz*)

"hose" means a factory-fabricated flexible hose assembly and related fittings designed to convey gaseous or liquid fuel; (*tuyau souple*)

"liquefied petroleum gas" means propane, renewable propane, propylene, butanes (normal butane or isobutane) and butylenes, and a type or a mixture of those gases; (*gaz de pétrole liquéfié*)

"natural gas" means natural gas, biomethane, mixtures of propane gas and air, and a type or a mixture consisting mainly of those gases; (*gaz naturel*)

"overpressure protection device" means an automatic device, also known as relief or safety valve and relief device, that acts to reduce, restrict or discharge the gas of a system under abnormal conditions to prevent gas pressure from exceeding the rated pressure in that system; (*dispositif de protection contre la surpression*)

"point of transfer" means the dispensing hose inlet connection; (*point de transvasement*)

"propane" means a liquefied petroleum gas consisting mainly of propane or renewable propane and, in a smaller proportion, of propylene, butanes, butylenes, and a type or a mixture consisting mainly of those gases; (*propane*)

"refill centre" means a location, including any building, in which gas is distributed in containers and where gas storage containers, piping, tubing and associated equipment, including transfer, cylinder weighing or measuring and distribution devices, are found; (*centre de ravitaillement*)

"safety limit control" means a safety device intended to prevent an unsafe condition of temperature, pressure or liquid level; (*limiteur de sécurité*)

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"safety shut-off valve" means a valve that automatically shuts off the supply of gas when de-energized by the loss of actuating medium or by the stop command of a combustion safety control or safety limit control; (*robinet d'arrêt de sûreté*)

"structure" means the entire building in which an appliance or equipment is installed; (*structure*)

"tank" means a container designed and manufactured in accordance with CSA Standard B51, Boiler, pressure vessel, and pressure piping code, published by CSA Group, for storing gas; (*réservoir*)

"venting system" means a system for the removal of flue gases to the outdoors by means of a chimney, vent connector, vent, or a natural or mechanical exhaust system. (*système d'évacuation*)

DIVISION II
SCOPE

28. This Chapter applies to every gas installation subject to the Building Act (chapter B-1.1), including its vicinity, where gas is used to produce energy, heat or light.

It does not apply to installations intended to

(1) transport gas using a container mounted on a vehicle as long as the container is not used for storage at the point of use;

(2) use gas to ensure the motive power of a vehicle;

(3) use gas in a refinery, regardless of its origin, as raw material for the petroleum refining process or for the process of a petrochemical plant;

(4) store, in a refinery, gas resulting from the refining of petroleum;

(5) store or use gas on boats;

(6) use gas as a refrigerant;

(7) store gas in underground natural formations or hollows in the ground, including the pipeline systems to transport gas on the site and associated facilities such as pumps, compressors, pumping stations and surface reservoirs intended to inject, withdraw or transport gas to the connection to the intraprovincial gas pipeline systems; and

(8) use or store on the premises gas collected from a landfill or gas from an anaerobic digester.

The use of propane as propellant in spray cans, and the storage, distribution or use of butane in containers having a capacity of 175 g (6.2 oz) or less are also exempt from the application of this Chapter.

DIVISION III
REFERENCES

29. In this Chapter, a reference to the following standards is a reference to the standard referred to in Chapter II of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) or to the Regulation respecting pressure installations (chapter B-1.1, r. 6.1):

(1) CSA B108.1, Compressed natural gas refuelling stations installation code, published by CSA Group;

(2) CSA B108.2, Liquefied natural gas refuelling stations installation code, published by CSA Group;

(3) CSA B149.1, Natural gas and propane installation code, published by CSA group;

(4) CSA B149.2, Propane storage and handling code, published by CSA group;

(5) CSA Z276, Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) - Production, Storage and Handling, published by CSA Group;

(6) CSA Z662, Oil and gas pipeline systems, published by CSA Group;

(7) BNQ 1784-000, Canadian Hydrogen Installation Code, published by the Bureau de normalisation du Québec;

(8) CSA B51, Boiler, pressure vessel and pressure piping code, published by CSA Group.

29.1. A reference in this Chapter to a standard or a code is a reference to that standard or code as adopted by the chapter of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) or Safety Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 3) or other regulation made under the Building Act (chapter B-1.1) that refers to it.

29.2. In this Chapter, a reference to a standard refers to the most recent edition and includes any subsequent amendments made to that edition.

The amendments and editions published after 26 March 2026 apply to gas installations only from the last day of the sixth month following the date of publication of the French and English versions of the texts. Where those versions are not published at the same time, the time limit runs from the date of publication of the last version.

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DIVISION IV
GENERAL

30. A gas installation must be used for the purposes for which it was designed. It must be used and serviced according to the manufacturer's instructions.

31. A gas installation must be kept in safe and proper working order. It must be used and serviced so as not to constitute fire, explosion or intoxication hazards.

32. The vicinity of a gas installation must not be modified in such manner that the gas installation does not comply with Chapter II of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2).

33. The necessary corrections must be made to a gas installation if, following intensive use, wear, aging or modifications, the operating conditions have become dangerous.

34. A gas leak may not be detected by means of a match, candle, flame or any other source of ignition.

35. When gas leaks are detected, it is prohibited to use a light, including a flashlight, unless it is certified as explosion-proof for use in a hazardous location of Class 1, Group II A type, in accordance with Subrule 18-050(2) of the Canadian Electrical Code, as adopted by Chapter V of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2).

36. An electric switch located either in the room or adjacent to an area of gas leakage must not be operated unless it is certified as explosion-proof equipment for use in a hazardous location of Class 1, Group II A type, in accordance with Subrule 18-050(2) of the Canadian Electrical Code, as adopted by Chapter V of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2).

37. A safety shut-off valve, a safety limit control, a relief valve or an overpressure protection device must not be isolated, by-passed or made inoperative.

38. Where there are signs of wear or deterioration or where other damage shows in the reinforcement material or connectors of a hose or hose connector, the hose must be replaced immediately.

38.1. A reserved parking area must be provided for each vehicle equipped with a gas container and intended for the transportation, storage or distribution of gas, including transportation in transit, on the site of an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute gas with gas transfer.

The parking area must be situated in a location different from the location where gas is transferred and be at least 3 m from fixed tanks, without obstructing traffic routes.

§1. Register

38.2. Subject to the second paragraph, the owner of an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute gas with gas transfer must keep in a register or attach to it, as the case may be, the following related information and documents:

(1) the verification reports provided for in section 38.3;

(2) the risk assessment report where required under section 85;

(3) as regards any tank of the installation,

(*a*) the date and the results of the inspection or periodic visual examination where required under section 63.1, 71.3, 72.2 or 73.4;

(*b*) the Canadian registration number and serial number of the tank;

(*c*) the date of the maintenance, rebuilding and recertification or replacement of the overpressure protection device;

(*d*) the serial number or, where applicable, the model number of the overpressure protection device; and

(*e*) the date of manufacture indicated on the overpressure protection device;

(4) any remedial notice or order issued by the Board under the Building Act (chapter B-1.1);

(5) any other information or any other relevant document related to the operation, maintenance or emergency measures of the installation, including operations and maintenance procedures where required under section 52, and the environmental emergency plan required under the Environmental Emergency Regulations (SOR/2019-51);

(6) the identification of any safety device having interrupted the operation of the installation and the measures taken to remedy the event;

(7) the breakdowns and accidents that occurred while operating the installation;

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(8) the history and description of the maintenance, repairs, replacements, including technical bulletins issued by the manufacturer, and alterations made on the site or installation.

The owner of a propane refill centre or a compressed natural gas refill centre of less than 4.5 metric tons in total capacity is required to keep a register or append thereto, as the case may be, the documents specified in subparagraphs 1, 3 and 5 to 8 of the first paragraph only.

For subparagraphs 6 to 8 of the first paragraph, the dates and the name of the persons who identified and corrected the event must appear in the register.

The register must be kept on the premises where the installation is operated, as long as the installation is not dismantled. The owner must take the necessary measures to prevent the loss or destruction of the register. The register must be available for consultation by the Board.

§2. Annual verification

38.3. The owner of an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute gas with gas transfer must have it verified each year by an engineer, by the holder of an appropriate certificate of qualification issued under the Act respecting workforce vocational training and qualification (chapter F-5), or by a contractor holding an appropriate licence in the field of gas issued by the Board.

38.4. Where the engineer, the holder of a certificate of qualification or the contractor in charge of the verification notices the presence of hazardous conditions, the engineer, certificate holder or contractor must so inform immediately in writing the owner, the Board and the regional county municipality or local municipality, including, if applicable, the fire safety service of that municipality.

38.5. The verification report establishing the safety of the installation must be drafted objectively and impartially and must contain the following information and documents:

(1) the address of the place where the installation is located;

(2) the name, signature and contact information of the person having carried out the inspection and a copy of the person's certificate of qualification, contractor's licence or membership number of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec;

(3) the scope of the annual verification and testing made on the safety devices or components by the person who has carried out the verification and tests;

(4) a description of the corrective work required to ensure that the installation is safe, and the schedule recommended for its implementation;

(5) a summary of the report confirming that the installation is not in a dangerous condition and, where applicable, that recommendations have been submitted to the owner concerning ways to correct the defects observed that may contribute to the development of a dangerous condition;

(6) appendices containing photographs, drawings and any other relevant information obtained during the verification, to complete the report.

The verification report must also include the signature of the owner of the installation certifying having taken cognizance of the report and, where applicable, of the recommendations contained in the report.

DIVISION V
GAS INSTALLATION

39. An appliance must be serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

40. An appliance may not be used if damaged by fire, water or an explosion unless it has been verified by a person holding the appropriate certificate of qualification issued under the Act respecting workforce vocational training and qualification (chapter F-5). The holder of the certificate of qualification must ensure that the appliance is still in a condition of safe operation.

Proof of the verification must be given in writing to the owner and the owner must keep it for consultation by the board for as long as the appliance is used.

41. No appliance may be used in a room where there are corrosive vapours, unless approved for that type of location in accordance with Division V of Chapter II of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2).

42. Appliance clearance must allow the appliance to be serviced without moving it or modifying the building that shelters it or modifying neighbouring equipment, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and Chapter II of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2).

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43. An appliance may be used only if it complies with Division V of Chapter II of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2).

44. Where a part of an appliance must be replaced, the replacement part must have the same operational characteristics as the original part.

45. In an enclosure or a structure housing an appliance, the air supply, that is, the combustion air, including excess air, the dilution air of combustion gas and the ventilation air, must comply with Chapter II of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) to ensure complete combustion and total venting of combustion products.

46. The air supply of an appliance must be free of any encumbrance.

47. The surface temperature of neighbouring combustible materials of an appliance and its venting system must not exceed 90 °C.

For the purposes of this section,

"combustible" means a material that does not meet the requirements of ULC Standard 114, Standard Method of Test for Determination of Non-Combustibility in Building Materials, published by the Underwriters Laboratories of Canada.

48. The venting system of an appliance must ensure total venting of combustion products to the outdoors.

49. Where no appliance is connected to a piping outlet, the outlet must be tightly plugged or capped.

50. Vehicles equipped with a propane appliance must not be parked or stored inside a building, except if

(1) the propane cylinders are removed; or

(2) the propane tanks have contents in propane of not more than 50% of the maximum filling capacity allowed and all shut-off valves are closed.

DIVISION VI
USE, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROPANE IN CONTAINERS

51. Propane in containers must be used, stored, transferred and distributed in accordance with CSA Standard B149.2.

52. An installation independent of a building and intended to transfer, store or distribute propane must be operated and maintained in accordance with Clause 7.22 of CSA Standard B149.2.

For the purposes of the operations and maintenance procedures prescribed by Clause 7.22 of CSA Standard B149.2, the owner of the installation must take into account Clauses 5, 6.1, 6.4, 7.1, 7.3, 8.1 and 8.2 of CSA Standard Z767, Process safety management, published by CSA Group.

53. For the purposes of Clause 6.5 of CSA Standard B149.2, all stored or unconnected cylinders, whether filled or empty, are considered as filled at the maximum filling capacity allowed.

53.1. Where a propane cylinder of less than 100 lb is disconnected from the filling piping, its mass must be verified using a weigh scale on which a tag is affixed certifying that the weigh scale is approved and certified as meeting the requirements of the Weights and Measures Act (R.S.C. 1985, c. W-6) and the Weights and Measures Regulations (C.R.C., c. 1605). If the maximum filling rate permitted is exceeded, the excess must be removed in a safe manner.

54. Propane that is used, stored or distributed must emit a characteristic odour in accordance with CGSB Standard 3.14, Propane for fuel purposes, published by the Canadian General Standards Board.

54.1. The transfer of propane from the container of a vehicle to a cylinder of less than 100 lb is prohibited.

55. Propane may not be transferred from the container of a vehicle to a cylinder of 100 lb or more or to a tank in a location other than the location where they are used.

56. The transfer of propane from the container of a vehicle to the container of another vehicle is prohibited.

57. The tank of the propane supply system of a road vehicle may be filled only if it bears the appropriate sticker mandatory under the Regulation respecting safety standards for road vehicles (chapter C-24.2, r. 32).

58. Vehicles used for the transportation, storage or distribution of propane and parked at a location other than a location governed by a regulation respecting the transportation of dangerous substances made under the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) must be parked in accordance with Clauses 8.6 to 8.10 of CSA Standard B149.2.

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59. A propane container must be painted.

60. Except in filling plants, propane cylinders must not be stored one stacked over the other.

60.1. It is prohibited to fill a non-refillable or single-use propane cylinder.

60.2. A refillable propane cylinder that complies with CSA Standard B339, Cylinders, spheres, and tubes for the transportation of dangerous goods, published by CSA Group, must be filled by the holder of an operation permit.

The holder of the operation permit must ensure that the person filling the cylinder holds the appropriate certificate of qualification issued under the Act respecting workforce vocational training and qualification (chapter F-5).

61. A filling plant must be fenced in accordance with Clause 7.15 of CSA Standard B149.2. Propane must be transferred from a container to another, including those in transit, inside a fenced area.

61.1. A filling plant that does not have a fixed tank must comply with CSA Standard B149.2.

61.2. Only a person holding the appropriate certificate of qualification issued under the Act respecting workforce vocational training and qualification (chapter F-5), a person accompanying that person or a staff member authorized by the owner may be present on the premises of a filling plant.

61.3. A process and instrumentation diagram must be posted in a conspicuous place near all transfer points of the filling plant or the propane refill centre. The diagram shows the piping, controls and instrumentation of the installation and the operations procedures of the plant or centre.

62. Signs bearing the indication or the international pictogram "NO SMOKING" must be installed at a conspicuous place in filling plants at every entrance and point of transfer of propane. The letters must be red on a white background or black on a yellow background and be at least 100 mm high. The pictograms must have a minimum diameter of 300 mm.

63. Signs must be installed in a conspicuous place on the tank or nearby and at the point of transfer, where propane is transferred more than 3 m from the tank of a propane refill centre, in a way that they can be seen from that point. The signs must bear the following indications:

(1) "NO SMOKING, TURN OFF ALL SOURCES OF IGNITION" in letters at least 50 mm high;

(2) "TRANSPORT CYLINDERS SECURED IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION IN A VENTILATED SPACE" in letters at least 25 mm high;

(3) "IT IS AN OFFENCE TO FILL PROPANE CYLINDERS AND MOTOR FUEL CONTAINERS IN EXCESS OF 80% CAPACITY BY VOLUME" in letters at least 25 mm high;

(4) "NO SMOKING WITHIN 3 METRES, TURN OFF IGNITION BEFORE REFUELLING" in letters at least 25 mm high for a propane distribution location for vehicles.

The international pictograms for "NO SMOKING" and "TURN OFF IGNITION", measuring at least 100 mm in diameter, may be used instead of those expressions. The symbols must be red and black on a white background.

The letters on the signs must be red on a white background or black on a yellow background.

63.1. The overpressure protection device of a connected propane tank must be inspected, serviced, replaced or rebuilt and recertified according to the prescriptions of Annex R of CSA Standard B149.2.

The replacement or rebuilding and recertification of the device and the periodic visual inspections must be carried out at the frequencies indicated in Annex R and calculated as of the date of manufacture indicated on the device.

The date of manufacture of the overpressure protection device may be reproduced to be visible at the filling point.

63.2. The date of recertification or replacement of an overpressure protection device of a connected tank must be verified and be valid at all times before filling the tank.

63.3. A propane cylinder connected to an installation and its relief valve must be inspected and serviced according to Clauses 6.1 and 6.2 of CSA Standard B149.2.

The relief valve must be replaced by a new one every 10 years, as of the date of manufacture indicated on the cylinder.

63.4. The refilling of a propane cylinder connected to an installation is prohibited if the date of requalification of the cylinder is no longer valid.

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DIVISION VII
TRANSPORTATION OR DISTRIBUTION OF GAS BY PIPELINE

64. Gas distributed by pipeline must emit a characteristic odour in accordance with Clause 4.21 of CSA Standard Z662.

65. A piped gas undertaking must notify all users affected by an interruption in service and ensure the safe restoration of service.

66. An installation intended to transport or distribute gas by pipeline must be operated and serviced in accordance with Clauses 10, 12.10 and 15.9 of CSA Standard Z662.

67. Every piped gas transportation or distribution undertaking must keep up to date the plans of its gas transportation and distribution systems, of its storage facilities, as well as of the location of its valves, regulators and other accessories.

68. Every piped gas transportation or distribution undertaking must send to the Board, within 90 days following the beginning of each fiscal year,

(1) its gas leak detection program for the current year; and

(2) its annual program for the maintenance of its transportation systems, gas distribution networks and storage facilities.

69. Every piped gas transportation or distribution undertaking must send to the Board, within 90 days following the end of each fiscal year,

(1) a report on the state of its transportation or distribution system containing the information referred to in Schedule I in the prescribed form; and

(2) a report of findings on leaks and measures taken to correct them.

DIVISION VIII
USE, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL GAS IN CONTAINERS

70. The tank of the natural gas supply system of a road vehicle may be filled only if it bears the appropriate sticker mandatory under the Regulation respecting safety standards for road vehicles (chapter C-24.2, r. 32).

70.1. Natural gas distributed, except liquefied natural gas distributed, must emit a characteristic odour in accordance with Clause 4.21 of CSA Standard Z662.

70.2. The transfer of natural gas from the container of a vehicle to the container of another vehicle is prohibited.

§1. Compressed natural gas cylinders

70.3. Where natural gas cylinders are filled, stored and used elsewhere than in a refill centre for vehicles, it must be done in accordance with Clauses 9.2 to 9.5 of Clause 9 of CSA Standard B149.1.

70.4. A natural gas cylinder and its relief valve must be inspected and serviced according to CSA Standard B339.

The relief valve must be rebuilt and recertified or replaced periodically according to CGA Standard S-1.1, Pressure Relief Device Standards – Part 1 – Cylinders for Compressed Gases, published by the Compressed Gas Association, as of the date of manufacture indicated on the cylinder.

§2. Natural gas refill centre

71. A liquefied natural gas refill centre must be operated and maintained in accordance with Annex A of CSA Standard B108.2.

71.1. In a refill centre for vehicles, compressed natural gas must not be distributed at a pressure in excess of that provided for in Clause 4.6 of CSA Standard B108.1.

71.2. A process and instrumentation diagram must be posted in a conspicuous place near all transfer points of a natural gas refill centre. The diagram shows the piping, controls and instrumentation of the installation and the operations procedures of the centre.

71.3. The overpressure protection device of a tank connected to a natural gas refill centre must be inspected, serviced, replaced or rebuilt and recertified according to CSA Standard B51.

The replacement or rebuilding and recertification of the device and the periodic visual examinations must be carried out at the frequencies indicated in CSA Standard B51 and calculated as of the date of manufacture indicated on the device.

The date of recertification or replacement of the overpressure protection device may be reproduced to be visible at the filling point.

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§3. Liquefied natural gas plant

72. A liquefied natural gas plant, that is, an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute liquefied natural gas or a group of such installations situated on a site and that can operate as a unit, must be operated and maintained in accordance with Clause 13 of CSA Standard Z276.

72.1. A process and instrumentation diagram must be posted in a conspicuous place near all transfer points of the liquefied natural gas plant. The diagram shows the piping, controls and instrumentation of the installation and the operations procedures of the plant.

72.2. The overpressure protection device of a connected natural gas tank must be inspected, serviced, replaced or rebuilt and recertified at the intervals indicated in Clause 13.4.5.2 d) of CSA Standard Z276 or Clause B.13.9.4.2 d) of that standard and calculated as of the date of manufacture indicated on the device.

The date of recertification or replacement of the overpressure protection device may be reproduced to be visible at the filling point.

DIVISION IX
USE, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HYDROGEN IN CONTAINERS

73. Hydrogen in containers must be used, stored and distributed in accordance with BNQ Standard 1784-000.

73.1. A hydrogen installation must be operated and maintained,

(1) for gaseous hydrogen, in accordance with Clauses 7.15 and 7.16 of BNQ Standard 1784-000; and

(2) for liquid hydrogen, in accordance with Clauses 8.13 and 8.14 of BNQ Standard 1784-000.

73.2. A hydrogen installation must be equipped with a ventilation system and a hydrogen detection system complying with BNQ Standard 1784-000.

A ventilation system is not required for unattended enclosures or outdoor structures containing hydrogen equipment.

73.3. A process and instrumentation diagram must be posted in a conspicuous place near all transfer points of the hydrogen refill centre. The diagram shows the piping, controls and instrumentation of the installation and the operations procedures of the centre.

73.4. The overpressure protection device of a connected hydrogen tank must be inspected, serviced, replaced or rebuilt and recertified according to CSA Standard B51.

The replacement or rebuilding and recertification of the device and the periodic visual examinations must be carried out at the frequencies indicated in CSA Standard B51 and calculated as of the date of manufacture indicated on the device.

The date of recertification or replacement of the overpressure protection device may be reproduced to be visible at the filling point.

73.5. Refilling a hydrogen container is prohibited if the date of requalification of its overpressure protection device is no longer valid.

DIVISION X
OPERATION PERMIT

§1. General

74. The owner of an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute gas must obtain an operation permit for each place of operation of the installation or for each vehicle intended to distribute gas if the owner has no establishment in Québec.

The owner of an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute gas is exempt from the requirement to obtain an operation permit

(1) where gas is stored therein in no-refill containers the maximum internal volume of which is 75 in^3 (1,229 ml); and

(2) where natural gas is distributed through pipelines

74.1. For the purposes of this Division,

"total capacity" means the water capacity, calculated in American gallons (US gal) or in litres (L), or in mass, calculated in metric tons, that a container may contain at a temperature of 15 °C, for the location of the installation and includes, where applicable,

(1) the fixed capacity, namely, the total number of fixed storage tanks that are connected to the installation and their individual capacity;

(2) the transit capacity, namely, the total number of containers in transit that are normally kept at the place of operation and their individual capacity, including tank trucks, cargo liners, tank trailers and tank cars;

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(3) the portable capacity, namely, the total number of cylinders and their individual capacity; and

(4) the unconnected capacity, namely, the total number of tanks not connected to the installation and their individual capacity;

"total limit capacity" means the maximum acceptable capacity of the place of operation set by an engineer in a risk assessment report, based on the total capacity of all the fixed, in transit, portable or unconnected capacity containers of the gas installation present in that place or that could be present periodically.

§2. Conditions and terms of issue, renewal or modification

75. The owner who applies for the issue or renewal of an operation permit must provide to the Board, at least 60 days before the date set for the beginning of the operation of the installation or the date of renewal of the permit,

(1) the name, domicile address and telephone number of the owner and, where applicable, the Québec business number assigned under the Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises (chapter P-44.1);

(2) if the application is made for a partnership or a legal person, its name, and any other business name that it is legally authorized to use in Québec and that is related to the operation of a gas installation, the address and telephone number of its head office and, where applicable, the business number referred to in subparagraph 1;

(3) the address and telephone number of the place of operation of the installation, and the name and contact information of the person in charge of the place or, if the owner has no installation in Québec, the registration number of the vehicle intended to distribute gas;

(4) for the place of operation or for each vehicle intended to store or distribute gas if the owner has no installation in Québec,

(*a*) the quantity of gas sold in Québec during the preceding fiscal year;

(*b*) the quantity of gas bought during the preceding fiscal year

i. in Québec from a refinery;

ii. from a source of supply outside Québec; and

iii. in Québec elsewhere than from a refinery;

(*c*) the date on which the place began operating;

(*d*) the use of the installation;

(*e*) the names of the persons who operate the installation and who hold certificates of qualification issued under the Act respecting workforce vocational training and qualification (chapter F-5);

(*f*) the fixed, in transit, portable or unconnected capacity and the total capacity of the place; and

(*g*) where a risk assessment report is required, a copy of the report, the total limit capacity indicated therein, and a declaration according to which the owner has given a copy of the report to a regional county municipality or a local municipality;

(5) in the case of an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute gas with gas transfer, that is new or that has been altered, a certified true copy of any document issued by the regional county municipality or the local municipality permitting the construction work at the address of the installation covered by the application, such as a construction permit or a certificate of authorization; and

(6) the attestation of the insurer provided for in section 84.

Every application for an operation permit must be made using the prescribed form made public by the Board on its website, be accompanied by an attestation that the information and documents provided under the first paragraph are accurate and must be signed by the owner or the authorized representative.

76. The holder of an operation permit must notify the Board of any change in the information or documents provided under section 75 by filing a permit modification application within 30 days following the change.

The Board must, however, be notified immediately and in writing in the case of an alteration to the gas installation affecting the level of risk determined in the risk assessment report or making it necessary to obtain such a report. A permit modification application must be filed within 30 days following the change and must include the copy of the risk assessment report that takes into account the alteration made to the installation, and a declaration according to which the owner has given a copy of the report to the regional county municipality or the local municipality.

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76.1. An application for the issue, modification or renewal of a permit is deemed to be received only if it is signed, contains all the required information and documents and includes the fees payable under section 79, if applicable.

76.2. In the case of an application for the modification or renewal of a permit, only the changes to the information or documents already filed with the Board must be provided to the Board.

77. The Board issues, modifies or renews an operation permit on the following conditions:

(1) the owner provided, as the case may be, the information and documents required under section 75;

(2) the owner complied with all the provisions of this Chapter and those of Chapter II of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) that apply to the gas installation covered by the permit application;

(3) where applicable, the owner complied after having received a notice or order under the Building Act (chapter B-1.1) or after having been convicted of an offence under any of the provisions of this Chapter or to a suppletory measure required under section 122 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1);

(4) where applicable, the owner complied with all the conditions set out in the risk assessment report.

78. The holder of an operation permit must cease the operation of an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute gas in the following cases:

(1) the holder of the permit increases the total capacity indicated on the permit and exceeds a total capacity in water of 5,000 US gal (18,927 L) for propane or a total capacity of 4.5 metric tons for natural gas or hydrogen;

(2) where a risk assessment report is required, the holder of the permit exceeds the total limit capacity indicated in the report.

The holder of the permit must notify the Board immediately and in writing of the reason for the cessation and the date on which the operation of the installation has ceased. The permit holder must also send to the Board, where applicable, a permit modification application in accordance with the second paragraph of section 76.

78.1. The holder of an operation permit must also cease the operation of an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute gas where any of the conditions entered in the risk assessment report, including the safety measures for the reduction or mitigation of the risk set by an engineer in accordance with subparagraph 14 of the first paragraph of section 85.1, are not met.

The permit holder must notify the Board immediately and in writing of the reason for the cessation and the date on which the operation of the installation has ceased. The permit holder must also notify the Board in writing of the rectifications made to the gas installation before resuming the operation.

§3. Fees

79. The fee payable for the issue or renewal of an operation permit is $210.41. Despite the foregoing, the fee is $61.90 for an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute gas and if gas is not transferred there.

§4. Duration, content and display

80. The operation permit issued by the Board contains

(1) the name of the owner of the installation or vehicle, and any other business name that it is legally authorized to use in Québec and that is related to the operation of a gas installation;

(2) the address of the place of operation of the installation or the registration number of the vehicle for which the permit is issued if it does not own an installation in Québec;

(3) the date of issue of the permit;

(4) the Québec business number referred to in subparagraph 1 or 2 of the first paragraph of section 75, as the case may be;

(5) the fixed, in transit, portable or unconnected capacity, and the total capacity of the place of operation, where applicable;

(6) where a risk assessment report is required, the total limit capacity of the place of operation, and an indication specifying that a risk assessment report is required for that place; and

(7) the signature of the president and chief executive officer or a vice-president and that of the secretary of the Board.

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81. The holder of an operation permit must post in public view in the place of operation or in the vehicle intended to distribute gas if the permit holder does not own an establishment in Québec.

81.1. A gas distribution undertaking may not refill an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute gas if no permit is posted in public view.

82. The term of an operation permit is 1 year.

83. An operation permit is not transferable.

§5. Insurance

84. To cover damage caused to another person as a result of fault or negligence committed in the operation of the installation, an owner who applies for the issue or renewal of an operation permit must obtain and maintain in force, during the entire term of the permit, liability insurance of a minimum amount of

(1) $2,000,000 for an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute

(*a*) propane of 5,000 US gal (18,927 L) in total water capacity or less; or

(*b*) natural gas or hydrogen of less than 4.5 metric tons of total capacity;

(2) $10,000,000 for an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute

(*a*) propane of more than 5,000 US gal (18,927 L) in total capacity: or

(*b*) natural gas or hydrogen of 4.5 metric tons or more of total capacity.

The insurance must provide for a commitment by the insurer to inform the Board of the insurer's intention to terminate the contract or modify one of its terms.

An attestation of the insurer to the effect that the insurance meets the requirements of the first paragraph must be sent to the Board with the application for the issue, modification or renewal of the operation permit.

84.1. The holder of an operation permit must notify the Board in writing of the cancellation of the holder's insurance or of any change made to it.

§6. Risk assessment report

85. The owner of an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute propane of more than 5,000 US gal (18,927 L) in total water capacity, or natural gas or hydrogen of 4.5 metric tons or more in total capacity, must obtain a risk assessment report based on CSA ISO Standard 31000, Risk management - Guidelines, published by CSA Group, and confirming that the installation is safe in order to obtain an operation permit for that installation.

The report must be drawn up by an engineer within the meaning of the Professional Code (chapter C-26), who affixes his or her seal, signature and business particulars.

85.1. Subject to section 85.3, the risk assessment report must contain the following information and relevant documents:

(1) the address of the place of operation of the installation;

(2) a description of the surroundings, zoning or subdivision by-laws applicable to the place of operation and its surroundings, the number of natural persons around the place and the distance of the buildings in relation to the place;

(3) the fixed, in transit, portable or unconnected capacities, and the total capacity of the place of operation;

(4) in the case of an existing installation, the volume of gas transferred during the year preceding the drafting of the report;

(5) the plan of the place of operation including

(*a*) an inventory of all the gas containers and their respective capacity;

(*b*) the distance between each fixed, in transit and unconnected capacity gas container and the property lines, and the distance between each cylinder lot or island and the property lines;

(*c*) the location of any above-ground or underground piping or tubing and of the other handling, storage or distribution installations present at the place of operation; and

(*d*) the location of the parking areas for the vehicles used to transport, store or distribute gas;

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(6) the design details of the gas installation including its mechanical, electrical, structural and control characteristics and all other characteristics that may result in gas release;

(7) the detailed process and instrumentation diagram and the operations procedures of the gas installation;

(8) the operation conditions of the gas installation, including flow, pressure and temperature;

(9) the history of incidents or accidents that occurred at the place of operation and other places of operation including a similar gas installation;

(10) the emergency measures of the place of operation made in collaboration with the regional county municipality or the local municipality, including the emergency response capability of the fire safety service;

(11) the maintenance history of the gas installation required in subparagraph 8 of the first paragraph of section 38.2;

(12) an inventory of any other dangerous substance present at the place of operation and listed in Schedule 1 to the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations (SOR/2001-286);

(13) risk assessment, that is, the full process of risk identification, risk analysis and risk evaluation, including the simulation provided for in section 85.2;

(14) risk treatment and, where applicable, the reduction of risk by adding additional safety measures and a reevaluation of the residual risk making the level of risk acceptable;

(15) the total limit capacity set by the engineer that may not be exceeded by the owner;

(16) as regards a propane installation,

(*a*) the operations and maintenance procedures prescribed by Clause 7.22 of CSA Standard B149.2;

(*b*) the total capacity of the propane containers calculated at 80% of the total capacity of each container at a temperature of 15 °C; and

(*c*) the results of the simulation of a boiling liquid expanding vapour explosion (BLEVE) of the container or system of tanks connected together having the greatest capacity, whatever its type of capacity defined in section 74.1. If individuals are within the explosion impact radius up to an overpressure of 6.9 kPa, a quantitative analysis must also be included in the report.

The report must also include a description of the method used by the engineer, including all the values used to evaluate the probabilities that a risk occurs and its consequences, and a bibliography indicating the sources and references to the documents mentioned in the report.

85.2. In accordance with subparagraph 13 of the first paragraph of section 85.1, the risk assessment report must include the reliable, objective and verifiable results of a simulation carried out using a software. The simulation must minimally include the scenario including the worst consequences and the scenario having the greatest probability of occurring based on the container or system of tanks connected together having the greatest capacity, whatever its type of capacity defined in section 74.1.

The scenarios must comply with the following acceptable levels of potential risk of death to an individual related to the location of the surroundings for the land occupancy around a gas installation:

(1) an acceptable level of potential risk of death to an individual related to the location of the surroundings evaluated for individuals inside and outside a building of not more than 1 in 10,000 (1×10^{-4}) per year between the property limits of the operation site and an unoccupied zone;

(2) an acceptable level of potential risk of death to an individual related to the location of the surroundings evaluated for individuals inside and outside a building between 1 in 10,000 and 1 in 100,000 (1×10^{-4} to 1×10^{-5}) per year for open spaces, that is a location having unobstructed open access permitting easy egress, and for spaces occupied by buildings classified according to their major occupancy as being low, medium or very high risk industrial occupancies;

(3) an acceptable level of potential risk of death to an individual related to the location of the surroundings evaluated for individuals inside and outside a building between 1 in 100,000 and 1 in 1,000,000 (1×10^{-5} to 1×10^{-6}) per year for spaces occupied by residential occupancies, that consist in single-family dwellings or immovables used as dwelling units having a building height of not more than 2 storeys or having not more than 8 dwelling units, and by buildings classified according to their major occupancy as being business and personal services occupancies and mercantile occupancies, excluding civil security, fire or emergency stations and telecommunication stations;

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(4) an acceptable level of potential risk of death to an individual related to the location of the surroundings evaluated for individuals inside and outside a building between 1 in 1,000,000 and 3 in 10,000,000 (1×10^{-6} and 0.3×10^{-6}) per year for spaces occupied by residential occupancies, other than those listed in subparagraph 3 of this paragraph, and spaces occupied by civil security, fire or emergency stations and telecommunication stations;

(5) an acceptable level of potential risk of death to an individual related to the location of the surroundings evaluated for individuals inside and outside a building between 3 in 10,000,000 or less (0.3×10^{-6} or less) per year for spaces occupied by buildings classified according to their major occupancy as being assembly, detention, treatment or care occupancies.

For the purposes of this section, the terms "mercantile occupancy", "business and personal services occupancy", "detention occupancy", "assembly occupancy", "care occupancy", "treatment occupancy", "industrial occupancy", "residential occupancy", "building height" and "dwelling unit" have the meaning given to them by the National Building Code as adopted by Chapter I of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2).

85.3. With respect to an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute liquefied natural gas, built before 26 March 2026, the risk assessment report must be drafted in accordance with Clause 14.3 of CSA Standard Z276.

DIVISION XI
CONTRIBUTIONS

86. The owner or operator of an undertaking that distributes gas, except the owner or operator referred to in section 87, must pay the Board, each month, an amount of $0.553 per 1,000 m^3 of gas sold in Québec.

The volume of gas is based on a higher heating value (HHV) of 37.89 MJ/m^3 adjusted to the absolute pressure of 101.325 kPa and a temperature of 15 °C.

An undertaking does not have to pay the monthly fees on the volume of gas bought from an undertaking having paid the fees on the same volume of gas.

87. The wholesale owner or operator of an undertaking for the bulk distribution of liquefied petroleum gas sold in Québec must pay the Board, each month, an amount of $1,075 per 1,000 L or fraction of 1,000 L of liquefied petroleum gas sold in Québec.

The volume of liquefied petroleum gas is adjusted at a temperature of 15 °C.

For the purposes of this section,

"liquefied petroleum gas sold in Québec" means, in the case of a wholesale owner or operator of an undertaking for the bulk distribution of liquefied petroleum gas, the volume of liquefied petroleum gas sold in Québec excluding the volume bought from a wholesale owner or operator of an undertaking for the bulk distribution of liquefied petroleum gas;

"wholesale owner or operator of an undertaking for the bulk distribution of liquefied petroleum gas" means any person or partnership operating an undertaking for the storage, sale or distribution of liquefied petroleum gas in Québec and buying liquefied petroleum gas from a producer in Québec or from a source outside Québec for resale in Québec.

88. Every gas distribution undertaking must keep an up-to-date list of the names and addresses of its customers. It must also indicate, for every tank installed at its customers locations and of which it remains the owner,

(1) the date of the inspection, service, rebuilding and recertification or replacement of the overpressure protection device of the tank;

(2) the Canadian registration number and the serial number of the tank;

(3) the serial number or, where applicable, the model number of the device; and

(4) the date of manufacture indicated on the device.

DIVISION XII
OFFENCE

89. Any violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter, except sections 79, 86 and 87, constitutes an offence.".

2. Sections 85.1 and 85.2 of the Safety Code, as made by section 1 of this Regulation, do not apply to a gas installation that has been the subject of a risk assessment report by an engineer before 26 March 2026, to the extent that the report complied with the Safety Code as it read before 26 March 2026 and that no amendment affecting its risk level as determined by the report was made to the installation after that date.

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3. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, except sections 61.3, 63.1, 63.2, 71.2, 72.1 and 73.3 of the Safety Code, as made by section 1 of this Regulation, which comes into force on 26 March 2027.

The owner of an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute hydrogen of 4.5 metric tons or more of total capacity must comply with section 85 of the Safety Code, as made by section 1 of this Regulation, and obtain a risk assessment report before 26 September 2026. The owner of an installation independent of a building and intended to store or distribute propane of more than 5,000 US gal (18,927 L) of total capacity, but whose fixed water capacity does not exceed 5,000 US gal (18,927 L), must also comply with section 85 of the Safety Code, as made by section 1 of this Regulation, and obtain such a report before 26 September 2026 or before the date of renewal of the operation permit, whichever date is later.

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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 238-2026, 25 February 2026

Regulation to amend the Construction Code

WHEREAS, under the first and second paragraphs of section 173 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1), the Régie du bâtiment du Québec must by regulation adopt a building code that must contain building standards for buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building and petroleum equipment installations or their vicinity;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 1 of the third paragraph of section 173 of the Act, the code may contain building standards regarding the design and procedures for the construction of buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 2 of the third paragraph of section 173 of the Act, the code may contain building standards regarding fire and accident prevention and protection;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 3 of the third paragraph of section 173 of the Act, the code may contain building standards regarding the safety and strength of buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 7 of the third paragraph of section 173 of the Act, the code may contain building standards regarding materials, appliances or equipment to be used or prohibited in buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 8 of the third paragraph of section 173 of the Act, the code may contain building standards regarding the quality, assembly, erection, inspection, certification, approval, quantity, site and tests of materials, facilities, apparatus and installations;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 9 of the third paragraph of section 173 of the Act, the code may contain building standards regarding the transportation by pipeline and the storage, handling, transfer and distribution of gas or petroleum products;

WHEREAS, under section 176 of the Act, the code may require manufacturers to provide instructions regarding the assembly, erection, maintenance and inspection of materials, facilities and installations;

WHEREAS, under section 176.1 of the Act, the code may, with respect to the matters to which it applies, contain provisions concerning the subjects listed in section 185 of the Act;

WHEREAS, under section 177 of the Act, the code may provide for a person or body to certify or approve work carried out in accordance with a standard, the persons qualified to carry out such work, and the materials, equipment, appliances or installations covered by the standard;

WHEREAS, under section 178 of the Act, the code may require observance of a technical standard drawn up by another government or by an agency empowered to draw up such standards and also provide that any reference they make to other standards include subsequent amendments;

WHEREAS, under section 179 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may determine the provisions of a code of which the infringement shall constitute an offence under paragraph 7 of section 194 of the Act;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 0.1 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, exempt from the application of the Act or certain of its provisions categories of persons, contractors, owner-builders, manufacturers of pressure installations, or owners of buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations, and categories of buildings, pressure installations, facilities, installations or construction work;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 3 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, determine the cases in which construction work must be reported to the Board, the time, form and manner according to which the report must be forwarded by the persons referred to in sections 22 and 37.2 and the conditions that they must fulfill;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 6.3 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, prohibit the sale, lease or exhibition of apparatus intended to be supplied from or to supply an electrical installation, used in a plumbing installation or petroleum equipment installation or intended to use gas, where the apparatus is not certified or approved by a recognized person or body the Board designates;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 20 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, determine the cases in which it shall collect fees for approval, authorization, revision, inspection, training, consultation, issuance of certificates of conformity, accreditation of recognized persons or bodies, and verifications, and fix such fees;

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WHEREAS, under paragraph 37 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, determine the provisions of a regulation adopted under that section of which the infringement shall constitute an offence under paragraph 7 of section 194 of the Act, with the exception of provisions adopted under subparagraphs 5.2, 18, 18.1, 20 and 36.1 and under subparagraphs 16 and 17 with respect to fees payable;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 38 of section 185 of the Act, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, adopt, generally, any other related or suppletory provision it considered necessary to give effect to the provisions of that section and of the Act.

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 192 of the Act, the contents of the code or regulations may vary according to the classes of persons, contractors, owner-builders, owners of buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building and classes of buildings, pressure installations, facilities or installations to which the code or regulations apply;

WHEREAS, by its resolution dated 12 February 2025, the board of directors of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec adopted the Regulation to amend the Construction Code;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Construction Code was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 14 May 2025 with a notice that it could be approved by the Government, with or without amendment, on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS, under section 189 of the Building Act, every code or regulation of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec is subject to approval by the Government which may approve it with or without amendment;

WHEREAS, by its resolution dated 10 December 2025, the board of directors of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec recommended to the Minister of Labour that the Regulation to amend the Construction Code be submitted to the Government for approval and publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*;

WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Regulation with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Construction Code, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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Regulation to amend the Construction Code

Building Act
(chapter B-1.1, s. 173, 1st par., 2nd par., 3rd par., subpars. 1 to 3, 7 to 9, ss. 176, 176.1, 177, 178, 179, 185, pars. 0.1, 3, 6.3, 20, 37 and 38 and s. 192)

1. Section 1.09 of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) is amended in the section of the table amending Part 3 of Division B of the National Building Code of Canada 2020

(1) by replacing every line amending Article 3.1.4.1. by the following:

“

3.1.4.1.	Replace “A building” at the beginning of Sentence (1) by “Except as required by Sentence (3), a *building*”
	Add the following Sentence: “(3) The *exit* stair shafts of a building conforming to Article 3.2.2.51. or 3.2.2.60. shall be of *noncombustible construction*.”.

»;

(2) by replacing every line amending Article 3.2.2.48. by the following:

“

3.2.2.48.	Replace “elevator machinery,” in Clause (1)(c) by “elevator machinery, an elevator vestibule,”.

»;

(3) by replacing every line amending Article 3.2.2.57. by the following:

“

3.2.2.57.	Replace “elevator machinery,” in Clause (1)(c) by “elevator machinery, an elevator vestibule,”.

”.

2. The Construction Code is amended by replacing Chapter II by the following:

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"**CHAPTER II**
GAS

DIVISION I
DEFINITIONS

2.01. In this Chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise,

"gas" means natural gas, biomethane, manufactured gas, and mixtures of propane gas and air, propane, propylene, butanes (normal butane or isobutane) and butylenes, and a type or mixture of those gases, as well as hydrogene; (*gaz*)

"gas installation" means a fixed, mobile or portable installation, including its immediate piping or tubing, intended to use, store or distribute gas, and a container mounted on a vehicle and intended to store or distribute gas, including gas transfer, when the vehicle is stationary; (*installation de gaz*)

"natural gas" means natural gas, biomethane, mixtures of propane gas and air, and a type or a mixture consisting mainly of those gases; (*gaz naturel*)

"propane" means a liquefied petroleum gas consisting mainly of propane or renewable propane and, in a smaller proportion, of propylene, butanes, butylenes, and a type or a mixture consisting mainly of those gases. (*propane*)

DIVISION II
SCOPE

2.02. This Chapter applies to construction work for a gas installation, where gas is used to produce energy, heat and light, and its surroundings.

It does not apply to installations intended to

(1) transport gas using a container mounted on a vehicle as long as the container is not used for storage at the point of use;

(2) use gas to ensure the motive power of a vehicle;

(3) use gas in a refinery, regardless of its origin, as raw material for the petroleum refining process or for the process of a petrochemical plant;

(4) store, in a refinery, gas resulting from the refining of petroleum;

(5) store or use gas on boats;

(6) use gas as a refrigerant;

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(7) store gas in underground natural formations or hollows in the ground, including the pipeline systems to transport gas on the site and associated facilities such as pumps, compressors, pumping stations and surface reservoirs intended to inject, withdraw or transport gas to the connection to the intraprovincial gas pipeline systems; and

(8) use or store on the premises gas collected from a landfill or gas from an anaerobic digester.

The use of propane as propellant in spray cans, and the storage, distribution or use of butane in containers having a capacity of 175 g (6.2 oz) or less are also exempt from the application of this Chapter.

DIVISION III
STANDARDS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

2.03. The following standards are incorporated by reference into this Chapter subject to the amendments provided for in Division VII:

(1) CSA B108.1, Compressed natural gas refuelling stations installation code, published by CSA Group;

(2) CSA B108.2, Liquefied natural gas refuelling stations installation code, published by CSA Group;

(3) CSA B149.1, Natural gas and propane installation code, published by CSA Group;

(4) CSA B149.2, Propane storage and handling code, published by CSA Group;

(5) CSA B149.3, Code for the field approval of fuel-burning appliances and equipment, published CSA Group;

(6) CSA Z276, Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) – Production, Storage, and Handling, published by CSA Group;

(7) CSA Z662, Oil and gas pipeline systems, published by CSA Group;

(8) BNQ 1784-000, Canadian Hydrogen Installation Code, published by the Bureau de normalisation du Québec.

2.04. In this Chapter, a reference to a standard refers to the most recent edition and includes any subsequent amendments made to that edition.

The amendments and editions published after 26 March 2026 apply to gas installations only from the last day of the sixth month following the date of publication of the French and English versions of the texts. Where those versions are not published at the same time, the time limit runs from the date of publication of the last version.

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DIVISION IV
REFERENCES

2.05. A reference in this Chapter to a standard or a code is a reference to that standard or code as adopted by the chapter of the Construction Code or Safety Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 3) or other regulation made under the Building Act (chapter B-1.1) that refers to it.

DIVISION V
APPROVAL OF APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT

2.06. Any appliance or equipment used in a gas installation must be approved for the use for which it is intended.

It is prohibited to offer for sale or lease, or to sell or lease an appliance or equipment that has not been approved. It is also prohibited, except for approval purposes, to use an appliance or equipment that has not been approved in an installation intended to use gas.

An appliance or equipment may, during an exhibition, a presentation or a demonstration, be used without prior approval, provided that it is accompanied by a notice with the following warning in characters measuring at least 15 mm: “WARNING: this material has not been approved for sale or lease as required under Chapter II of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2).”.

This section does not apply to the following appliances or equipment:

(1) an appliance whose heat input does not exceed 20,000 Btu/h (5.86 kW) intended for industrial applications and that is operated manually and under the constant supervision of the operator while in operation;

(2) a Bunsen burner.

2.07. Any appliance or equipment certified by a certification organization accredited by the Standards Council of Canada in the field of gas and whose affixation of a seal or label of approval or of certification of that organization attests compliance with Canadian standards, is considered to be approved.

An appliance on which a label is affixed, by an inspection organization accredited by the Standards Council of Canada in accordance with the accreditation program Commercial and Industrial Fuel-burning Appliances and Equipment, containing the information referred to in Article B.7.4.6.2 of Annex B of the program, is also considered to be approved. Approval is however not required for each component of an appliance where the appliance has received overall approval.

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If the appliance approved under the second paragraph includes electrical equipment, the electrical equipment must be approved in accordance with Sentence (2) of Article 2-028 of the Canadian Electrical Code, as adopted by Chapter V of the Construction Code.

For the purposes of this Chapter, "certification" or "certified" means recognition by a certification organization accredited by the Standards Council of Canada in the field of gas, by means of a label or seal affixed on each certified appliance or equipment attesting that the appliance or equipment complies with the construction and testing requirements of the standards published by the standards development organizations accredited by the Standards Council of Canada to develop gas standards.

DIVISION VI
DECLARATION OF WORK

2.08. A contractor or an owner-builder in gas must declare to the Board the construction work the contractor or owner-builder has carried out and to which this Chapter applies, except construction work for an installation intended to distribute natural gas by pipeline and maintenance or repair work to a gas installation.

An owner-builder who keeps a register containing the information required by the declaration of work is exempt from that declaration.

2.09. The declaration of work must contain

(1) the address of the work site;

(2) the name, address and telephone number of the person for whom the work is carried out;

(3) the name, address, telephone number and licence number of the contractor or owner-builder in gas who carried out the work;

(4) the dates scheduled for the beginning and end of the work;

(5) in the case of a gas installation dependent of a building, the major occupancy of the building, including the number of storeys and dwelling units and a description of the appliances installed, including their nature, number, heat input, make and model;

(6) in the case of a gas installation independent of a building, a description of the installation;

(7) the nature and type of work involved, and the type of installation;

(8) the type of gas and its state (gaseous or liquid), the maximum gas supply pressure of the installation or building and the gas supplier; and

(9) the date of the declaration.

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2.10. The work must be declared on the form prescribed and made public by the Board on its website or on any other document containing the same information clearly and legibly drawn up for that purpose. It must be signed by the contractor or owner-builder and be sent to the Board not later than the 20th day of the month that follows the date of the beginning of the work.

DIVISION VII
AMENDMENTS TO STANDARDS

2.11. The amendments to CSA Standard CSA B108.1 are the following:

Provision	Amendments
Clause 2	Replace the first paragraph and the note by the following: "The documents incorporated by reference into this Code are those indicated below and include any subsequent amendments and editions that may be published. Despite the first paragraph, where a document indicated below is adopted by a chapter of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) or the Safety Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 3), or by another regulation of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec, the document incorporated by reference into this Code is then the document as adopted by that chapter or regulation.".
Clause 3	Replace the first sentence by the following: "Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following definitions shall apply in this Code:";
	Replace the respective definitions of the following terms by the following definitions: "**Approved**— Approved or authorized by the Régie du bâtiment du Québec under sections 2.06 and 2.07 of the Construction Code or section 127 or 128 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1)."; "**Authority having jurisdiction (AHJ)**— Régie du bâtiment du Québec.";
	Strike out the definition "**Certified**".

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Provision	Amendments
Clause 4.11	(3) Replace Clause a) by the following: "a) Every container used to store, distribute or transport CNG, including its appurtenances and pressure piping or tubing, shall be designed, manufactured, tested and marked in accordance with CSA Standard B51, as adopted by the Regulation respecting pressure installations (chapter B-1.1, r. 6.1) made under the Building Act (chapter B-1.1).".

2.12. The amendments to CSA Standard B108.2 are the following:

Provision	Amendments
Clause 2	Replace the first paragraph and the note by the following: "The documents incorporated by reference into this Code are those indicated below and include any subsequent amendments and editions that may be published. Despite the first paragraph, where a document indicated below is adopted by a chapter of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) or the Safety Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 3), or by another regulation of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec, the document incorporated by reference into this Code is then the document as adopted by that chapter or regulation.".
Clause 3	Replace the first sentence by the following: "Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following definitions shall apply in this Code:"; Replace the respective definitions of the following terms by the following definitions: "**Approved** — approved or authorized by the Régie du bâtiment du Québec under sections 2.06 and 2.07 of the Construction Code or section 127 or 128 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1).";

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Provision	Amendments
	"**Authority having jurisdiction**: Régie du bâtiment du Québec.";
	Strike out the definition "**Certified**".

2.13. The amendments to CSA Standard B149.1 are the following:

Provision	Amendments
Clause 1.1	Replace the clause by the following: " This Code applies to *a*) gas installations where gas is to be used for fuel purposes, subject to Clause b); *b*) piping and tubing systems extending from the termination of the installations of undertakings for the distribution of natural gas, namely, the point where its piping ends, or from the outlet of the first-stage regulator of the containers of undertakings for the distribution of propane; *c*) natural gas vehicle refuelling appliances and their equipment, excluding storage installations; and *d*) internal combustion engines.".
Clause 1.2	Revoke the clause.
Clause 1.3	Replace the clause by the following: " Where the term "gas" is used, the requirements of this Code apply equally to and include any of the following gases, type or mixture of them: natural gas, biomethane, manufactured gas, hydrogen-natural gas mixtures and mixtures of propane gas and air, propane, propylene, butanes (normal butane or isobutane) and butylenes. Where the term "natural gas" is used, the requirements of this Code apply equally to and include the following gases, type or mixture of them: natural gas, biomethane, manufactured gas and mixtures of propane gas and air.

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Provision	Amendments
	Where the term “propane” is used, the requirements of this Code apply equally to and include the following gases, type or mixture of them: propane, propylene, butanes (normal butane or isobutane) and butylenes.”.
Clause 2	Replace the first paragraph by the following: “The documents incorporated by reference into this Code are those indicated below and include any subsequent amendments and editions that may be published. Despite the first paragraph, where a document indicated below is adopted by a chapter of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) or the Safety Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 3), or by another regulation of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec, the document incorporated by reference into this Code is then the document as adopted by that chapter or regulation.”.
Clause 3	Replace the first sentence by the following: “Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following definitions shall apply in this Code:”;
	Replace the respective definitions of the following terms by the following definitions: “**Approved** — approved or authorized by the Régie du bâtiment du Québec under sections 2.06 and 2.07 of the Construction Code or section 127 or 128 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1).”; “**Authority having jurisdiction** — Régie du bâtiment du Québec.”; "**Installer** — contractor or owner-builder holding the appropriate licence issued under the Building Act.”;
	Insert, in alphabetical order, the following definitions: “**Gas utility**: undertaking for the distribution of natural gas.”;

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Provision	Amendments
	"**Distributor** — undertaking for the distribution of propane."; Strike out the definition "**Certified**".
Clause 4.2	Strike out the clause.
Clause 6.7.2	Replace Clause b) by the following: "b) in a chimney, flue, chute including for linen or refuse use or, in the case of an elevator, dumbwaiter or material lift shat, in a sleeve, machine location, machine room, control site or control room;".
Clause 6.9.3	Replace the clause by the following: "Welding of gas piping or tubing shall be performed in accordance with a welding method established and complying with Clauses 7.6, 7.7 and 7.11 of CSA Z662 by a welder holding the appropriate qualification certificate issued under the Act respecting workforce vocational training and qualification (chapter F-5).".
	Insert the following after Clause 7.1.3: "**7.1.4 Boilers converted to gas** Boilers converted to gas shall be in compliance with Clauses 12.4.1 and 12.4.2 of CSA B149.3.".
Clause 7.2.4.1	Replace the heading and the clause by the following: "**7.2.4.1 Approval** An internal combustion engine shall be approved.".
Clause 8.2.1	Replace the clause by the following: "Subject to the exceptions referred to in the second paragraph and in Clause 8.2.3, an outdoor air supply sized in accordance with Clause 8.2.2 shall be provided to either an enclosure or a structure in which an appliance is installed.

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	Except for boilers, water heaters and pool heaters that include a finned-tube heat exchanger, an outdoor air supply shall not be required in structures constructed before 1986 where the doors and windows of that structure have not been replaced after 1985 and the volume of the enclosure or structure in which the appliance is installed is greater than 50 ft^3 per 1,000 Btu/h (4.84 m^3 per kW) of the total heat input of all the appliances in the enclosure or structure.”.
Clause 8.2.3	Replace the clause by the following: “An outdoor air supply shall not be required for a mechanically vented water heater with a heat input of 50,000 Btu/h (14.64 kW) or less where there are no other appliances that require an air supply installed in the enclosure or structure, it is not used to heat the structure, and the volume of the enclosure or structure is greater than 50 ft^3 per 1,000 Btu/h (4.84 m^3 per kW) of its heat input.”.
Clause 8.2.4	Strike out the clause.
Clause 8.2.5	Strike out the clause.
Table 8.1	Strike out “and the structure complies with Clause 8.2.1 a) or b)” and “, and Tables 8.3 and 8.4” in the heading of the table.
Table 8.2	Strike out “and the structure complies with Clause 8.2.1 a) or b)” in the heading of the table.
Table 8.3	Strike out the table.
Table 8.4	Strike out the table.
Clause 8.2.6	Strike out “, provided that the structure is not constructed as described in Clause 8.2.1 a) and does not comply with Clause 8.2.1 b). Otherwise, the volume of the enclosure shall be used.” in the portion before Clause a);
Clause 8.3.1	Replace “to Clauses 8.2.1 and 8.2.4” by “to Clause 8.2.1” in the portion before Clause a).

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Clause 8.3.3	Replace "Clauses 8.2.1 and 8.2.4" by "Clause 8.2.1”.
Clause 8.3.4	Replace "Clauses 8.2.1 and 8.2.4" by "Clause 8.2.1”.
	Insert the following after Clause 8.13.3: “**8.13.4 Using the tables in Annex C** The tables in Annex C shall be used in accordance with the General Venting Requirements (GVR) specified in that Annex.”.
Clause 8.14.8	Add the following paragraph at the end of the clause: “Despite Clause g), a vent shall not terminate less than 6 feet (1.8 m) under an awning window.”.
Clause C.2.2	Replace “in accordance with Clause 8.2.1” by “after 1985 or where the doors and windows were replaced after 1985” at the end of the clause.

2.14. The amendments to CSA Standard B149.2 are the following:

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Table of contents	Replace “Annex O (normative)”, Annex Q (normative) and “Annex R (informative)” by “Annex O (mandatory)”, “Annex Q (mandatory)” and “Annex R (mandatory)” respectively;
	Add the following at the end of the Table of Contents: "Annex S (Québec) (mandatory) — Method for determining if a gas installation is situated in a heavily populated or congested area”.
Clause 1.1	Replace the clause by the following: “ This Code applies to

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	a) installations intended to store, distribute, handle or transfer propane; and b) installations intended to use propane.”.
Clause 1.2	Strike out the clause.
Clause 1.3	Replace the clause by the following: “Where the term “propane” is used, the requirements of this Code include, and apply equally to, any of the following gases, type or mixture of them: propane, renewable propane, propylene, butanes (normal butane or isobutane), and butylenes.”.
Clause 2	Replace the first sentence and the note by the following: “The documents incorporated by reference into this Code are those indicated below and include any subsequent amendments and editions that may be published. Despite the first paragraph, where a document indicated below is adopted by a chapter of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) or the Safety Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 3), or by another regulation of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec, the document incorporated by reference into this Code is then the document as adopted by that chapter or regulation.”.
	Insert the following after the publication “NFPA 58-2024 *Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code*”: “NFPA 68-2023, *Standard on Explosion Protection by Deflagration Venting*”.
Clause 3	Replace the first sentence of the clause by the following: “Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following definitions shall apply in this Code:”;
	Replace the respective definitions of the following terms by the following definitions:

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	"**Approved** — approved or authorized by the Régie du bâtiment du Québec under sections 2.06 and 2.07 of the Construction Code or section 127 or 128 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1)."; "**Authority having jurisdiction** — Régie du bâtiment du Québec."; "**Installer** — contractor or owner-builder holding an appropriate licence issued under the Building Act."; "**Filling plant**: facility intended to distribute, store or transfer propane having a fixed, unconnected, portable or in transit storage capacity of more than 5,000 US gal (18,927 L) in water capacity, or a fixed or mobile transfer unit. A mobile transfer unit is a device not permanently fixed or that may be used in a manner not permanently fixed and used for the transfer of propane from one container to another."; Strike out the definition "**Certified**".
Clause 4.2	Strike out the clause.
Clause 5.2.11	Strike out the clause.
Clause 6.5.10.2	Replace Clause c) by the following: "c) an explosion relief panel in compliance with NFPA 68; or".
Clause 7.12.5	Replace the portion before Clause a) by the following: "Except at container refill centres, a tank truck, cargo liner or tank car transfer connection shall be located not less than";
Clause 7.12.7	Replace the clause by the following: "In the areas covered in Annex S (Québec), Method for determining if a gas installation is situated in a heavily populated or congested area, the authority having jurisdiction shall

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	determine restrictions of individual tank capacity, total storage and distance to line of adjoining property. This Clause does not apply where a risk assessment report is required for the installation in accordance with Chapter III of the Safety Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 3).".
Clause 7.15	Replace Clause b) by the following: "b) any loading and unloading outlet for a cargo liner, tank truck or tank car.".
Clause 7.17.3	Replace Clause e) iii) by the following: "iii) an explosion relief panel in compliance with NFPA 68; or".
	Insert the following after Clause 7.18.3: "**7.18.4 Mobile transfer unit or mobile filling plant without a fixed tank** The installation or operation of a mobile transfer unit or a mobile filling plant that do not have a fixed tank shall comply with this Code and the requirements of Chapter II of the Construction Code.".
Clause 8.6.4	Replace the clause by the following: "Despite Clause 8.6.3 a) and b), a tank truck, tank trailer, or cargo liner shall not be parked in an area referred to in Annex S (Québec), Method for determining if a gas installation is situated in a heavily populated or congested area, except only to transfer propane.".
Clause 8.8.1	Replace Clause b) by the following: "b) there is proper ventilation and an explosion relief panel in accordance with NFPA 68;".
Annex R	Replace the portion before Clause R.1 by the following: "*Annex R (mandatory)* ***Inspection and servicing of pressure relief devices on tanks***

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	Note: *This Annex is a mandatory part of this Code.”.*
	Add the following after Annex R: *“Annex S (Québec) (mandatory)* ***Method for determining if a gas installation is situated in a heavily populated or congested area*** ***Note:*** *This Annex constitutes a mandatory part of the Code.* **S.1 Application** For the purposes of Clauses 7.12.7 and 8.6.4 of this Standard, Annex S (Québec) prescribes the method to be used to determine if a gas installation, including a tank truck, a tank trailer or a cargo liner, is situated in a heavily populated or congested area. **S.2 Definitions** For the purposes of this Annex, the words and expressions “detention occupancy”, “assembly occupancy”, “care occupancy”, “treatment occupancy”, “residential occupancy” and “building height” have the meaning given to them by the National Building Code, as adopted by Chapter I of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2). **S.3 Method for calculating floor areas** **S.3.1 Step 1** Using diagrams of the vicinity and the measurements made on site, determine the total floor area in m^2 of the following areas: Area A = all buildings or parts of a building for industrial use within a radius of 23 m measured horizontally from a tank; Area B = all buildings or parts of a building, other than those in Area A, within a radius of 23 m measured horizontally from a tank; Area C = all buildings or parts of a building for industrial use within a radius between 23 and 92 m measured horizontally from a tank;

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	Area D = all buildings or parts of a building, other than those in Area C, within a radius between 23 and 92 m measured horizontally from a tank. Floor areas shall be calculated using the measurements taken from the outside wall of a building. If only part of the building is within the horizontal radius specified, only the part of the building within the radius shall be considered to determine the floor area. As regards buildings having more than one storey, the calculation shall include the floor area of each storey. The calculation shall not include the floor area below ground level. **S.3.2 Step 2** Using the areas determined in Clause S.3.1, calculate the following areas: Area E = the sum of Area B, multiplied by 2, and Area A; Area F = the sum of Area D, multiplied by 2, and Area C. **S.4 Tanks above-ground or partly above-ground** A gas installation including a tank above-ground or partly above-ground, a tank truck, a trailer truck or a cargo liner, is situated in a heavily populated or congested area if any of the following conditions is met: a) an occupancy having more than two storeys in building height and more than 8 dwelling units, a building classified according to its major occupancy as an assembly, care, detention or treatment occupancy or a part of such occupancy or such a building is situated within a radius of 92 m measured horizontally from the tank; b) a building for residential use or any part of such a building, excluding an occupancy referred to in paragraph a), is situated within a radius of 8 m measured horizontally from the tank; c) the sum of Area F, multiplied by 0.1, and Area E is greater than 1393 m^2.

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	S.5 Tanks below ground level A gas installation including a tank below ground level is situated in a heavily populated or congested area if any of the following conditions is met: a) an occupancy having more than 2 storeys in building height and more than 8 dwelling units, a building classified according to its major occupancy as an assembly, care, detention or treatment occupancy or a part of such occupancy or such a building is situated within a radius of 30 m measured horizontally from the tank; b) a building for residential use or any part of such a building, excluding an occupancy referred to in paragraph a), is situated within a radius of 8 m measured horizontally from the tank; c) the sum of Area F, multiplied by 0.001, and Area E is greater than 1393 m^2.”.

2.15. The amendments to CSA Standard B149.3 are the following:

Provision	Amendments
Table of contents	Replace “Annex D (informative)” by “Annex D (mandatory)”.
Clause 1.2	Strike out Clause 1.2.
Section 2	Replace the first paragraph and the note by the following: “The documents incorporated by reference into this Code are those indicated below and include any subsequent amendments and editions that may be published. Despite the first paragraph, where a document indicated below is adopted by a chapter of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) or the Safety Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 3), or by another regulation of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec, the document incorporated by reference into this Code is then the document as adopted by that chapter or regulation.”.
Section 3	Replace the first sentence by the following:

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	"Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following definitions shall apply in this Code:";
	Replace the respective definitions of the following terms by the following: "**Approved** — approved or authorized by the Régie du bâtiment du Québec under sections 2.06 and 2.07 of the Construction Code or section 127 or 128 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1)"; "**Authority having jurisdiction** — Régie du bâtiment du Québec.";
	Strike out the definition "**Manufactured gas**".
Section 8.2.3	Replace the clause by the following: "When an electronic type fuel/air ratio control (FARC) system is used, it shall be in compliance with ISO 23552-1 or Annex D.".
Annex D	Replace the portion before Clause D.1 by the following: *"Annex D (mandatory)* ***Guidelines for electronic-type fuel-air ratio control (FARC) systems*** **Note:** *This Annex constitutes a mandatory part of the Code.*";
	Replace the first two paragraphs in Clause D.2 by the following: "These Guidelines provide a listing of the features that shall be incorporated with electronic-type fuel-air ratio control (FARC) systems. The provisions shall be satisfied.".

2.16. The amendments to CSA Standard Z276 are the following:

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Clause 1.1	Replace the clause by the following:

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	"This Standard applies to fixed and mobile facilities intended for the liquefaction, storage, vaporization, transfer or handling of liquefied natural gas regardless of their locations and for the distribution of liquefied natural gas.".
Clause 1.3	Strike out the clause.
Clause 2	Replace the first paragraph by the following: "The documents incorporated by reference into this Standard are those indicated below and include any subsequent amendments and editions that may be published. Despite the first paragraph, where a document indicated below is adopted by a chapter of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) or the Safety Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 3), or by another regulation of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec, the document incorporated by reference into this Standard is then the document as adopted by that chapter or regulation.".
Clause 3	Replace the first sentence and the note by the following: "Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following definitions shall apply in this Code:"; Replace the respective definitions of the following terms by the following definitions: "**Approved** — approved or authorized by the Régie du bâtiment du Québec under sections 2.06 and 2.07 of the Construction Code or section 127 or 128 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1)."; "**Authority having jurisdiction** — Régie du bâtiment du Québec.".

2.17. The amendments to CSA Standard Z662 are the following:

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Clause 1.1	Replace the clause by the following: "This Standard covers intraprovincial gas pipeline systems to the extremity of the operator's installations, that is, the point where the operator's piping ends.".
Clause 1.2	Strike out Clauses a) to d);
	Replace Clause e) by the following: "e) piping and equipment in onshore pipelines, compressor stations, measuring stations, hydrogen blending facilities and pressure-regulating stations;".
Clause 2.1	Replace the first paragraph by the following: "The documents incorporated by reference into this Standard are indicated below and include any subsequent amendments and editions that may be published. Despite the first paragraph, where a document indicated below is adopted by a chapter of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) or the Safety Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 3), or by another regulation of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec, the document incorporated by reference into this Standard is then the document as adopted by that chapter or regulation.".
Clause 2.2	Replace the first sentence by the following: "Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following definitions shall apply in this Code:";
	Strike out the definition "**Construction**";
	Replace the definition of "**Contractor**" by the following: "**Contractor** — a contractor or an owner-builder within the meaning of section 7 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1), who carries out or has carried out construction work covered by this Standard.";

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	Add the following after the definition "**Ductile cast iron**": "**Readily accessible** — capable of being reached for operation, renewal, servicing, or inspection, without requiring climbing over, or the removal of, an obstacle or the use of a portable ladder.".
	Insert the following after Clause 10.6.4: "**10.6.4.1. Right of way encroachment where high pressure gas pipeline is installed (operated at more than 30% of their SMYS)** **10.6.4.1.1 Soil disturbance** Except for agricultural work carried out at a maximum depth of 30 cm, no soil disturbance may be carried out in a right of way unless prior written authorization has been obtained from the operator. For the purposes of this Clause, "soil disturbance" means all work, operations or activities, above ground or underground, causing a movement or a shift of soil or ground cover, including in particular the following activities: excavation, trench, vertical drilling, dethatching, soil levelling, tree planting, soil aeration, mechanical stone collection, rutting and installation of fence posts, bars, rods, stakes or anchors. **10.6.4.1.2 Building or object permanently fixed** No building, including a shed, or other object permanently fixed may be erected in a right of way unless authorized by the operator or natural gas company. **10.6.4.1.3 Deposit or storage** No flammable material, solid or liquid residue, refuse, waste or effluent may be deposited or stored in a right of way. **10.6.4.1.4 Vehicle traffic** Except for vehicles travelling on a public road crossing the right of way, only vehicles belonging to an operator or authorized by an operator may travel on that right of way.".
	Insert the following after Clause 12.2.1: "**12.2.1.1. Service line of a building** The service line of a building shall come out of the ground before entering the building and it shall be equipped with a service shut-off valve outside the building.

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	If the location where the service line comes out of the ground presents a danger and the service line cannot be protected, it shall enter the building below ground level and be equipped with an underground service shut-off valve located outside the building and with another service shut-off valve inside, as near as possible to the foundation wall. Where buildings are connected by a common area, service lines may serve their respective building through the common area provided they are equipped with a service shut-off valve identified and connected to a common service line equipped with a main service shut-off valve above ground. Each building shall be equipped with a service shut-off valve before entering the building and an identification indicating the presence of natural gas and the location of the service shut-off valves shall be present outside near the main entrance to each of the buildings served. **12.2.1.2 Accessibility of shut-off valves above ground** The service shut-off valves above ground shall be readily accessible for their operation. **12.2.1.3 Distinctive mark** Before supplying gas to an installation, an operator shall affix to the building, above or within a radius of not more than 1 m from any service entrance, a distinctive mark visible at all times.”.

2.18. The amendments to BNQ Standard 1784-000 are the following:

Provision	Amendments
Clause 2.1	Replace the first paragraph by the following: “The documents incorporated by reference into this code are indicated below and include any subsequent amendments and editions that may be published. Despite the first paragraph, where a document indicated below is adopted by a chapter of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2) or the Safety Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 3), or by another regulation of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec, the document incorporated by reference into this code is then the document as adopted by that chapter or regulation.”.

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“authority having jurisdiction (abbrev.: AHJ), n. Régie du bâtiment du Québec. French: ***autorité compétente***.”;</td></tr>
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DIVISION VIII
INSPECTION FEES

2.19. A contractor or an owner-builder in gas must pay to the Board, for the inspection of construction work for a gas installation carried out further to the issue of a remedial notice provided for in section 122 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1), the following inspection fees:

(1) $187.03 for the first hour or fraction thereof;

(2) $93.52 for each additional half-hour or fraction thereof;

(3) $88.01 for each trip related to the inspection.

DIVISION IX
OFFENCE

2.20. Any contravention of one of the provisions of this Chapter, except the provisions of Division VIII, constitutes an offence.".

3. Section 4.16 is amended by striking out the line striking out section 8.8.1 in the table amending ASME Code A17.1-2019/CSA B44:19, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, published by CSA Group.

4. Section 4.17 is amended by inserting the following line after the line amending Clause 4.4.2 in the table amending CSA Standard B355:19, Platform lifts and stair lifts for barrier–free access, published by CSA Group:
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4.7	Replace the Clause by the following: "**4.7 Welding** **4.7.1 Qualification of welders** Welding work, except work respecting spot welding incorporated to final welds, shall be carried out by an enterprise qualified under CSA W47.1. **4.7.2 Welded steel** Welding work shall comply with the requirements relevant to design and methods of CSA W59. **4.7.3 Welding of metals other than steel** Metals other than steel shall be welded in accordance with the most recent requirements of the CSA standard relevant to the materials involved.".

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5. Despite section 2.06 of the Construction Code (chapter B-1.1, r. 2), as made by section 2 of this Regulation, an internal combustion engine driving a generator in a generator set is exempt from the requirement to be approved for the use for which it is intended if the engine is sold, leased or offered for sale or lease before 26 September 2026 and if the manufacturer that built the set

(1) provides to the buyer or the lessee all the specifications of the engine, generator, valves, piping and fitting components, electric, mechanical and pressure-regulating controls and installation instructions;

(2) provides to the buyer or the lessee the users' and maintenance manuals for the generator set;

(3) specifies if the engine must be supplied by natural gas, propane or hydrogen, and the supply pressure required;

(4) offers to the buyer or the lessee a contractual warranty for the generator set;

(5) indicates the make and model of the generator set; and

(6) indicates its contact information.

6. This Regulation comes into force of the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 269-2026, 4 March 2026

Regulation to amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation

WHEREAS, under paragraph 3 of section 131 of the Individual and Family Assistance Act (chapter A-13.1.1), for the purposes of Title I of the Act, the Government may make regulations determining, for the purposes of the second paragraph of section 16 of the Act, the support allowance to be added to the basic benefit;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 13.1 of section 131 of the Individual and Family Assistance Act, as made by paragraph 3 of section 49 of the Act to improve support for persons and to simplify the social assistance regime (2024, chapter 34), for the purposes of Title I of the Act, the Government may make regulations designating, for the purposes of the first paragraph of section 31 of the Act, the health or social services professionals authorized to produce a medical or psychosocial assessment;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 3.1 of section 132 of the Individual and Family Assistance Act, as made by paragraph 2 of section 51 of the Act to improve support for persons and to simplify the social assistance regime, for the purposes of the Social Assistance Program, the Government may make regulations designating the health or social services professionals authorized to prepare the medical certificate provided for in paragraph 2 of section 53 of the Act, as it is to be read pursuant to paragraph 2 of section 77 of the Act to improve certain labour laws (2025, chapter 28);

WHEREAS, under paragraphs 8 and 10 of section 132 of the Individual and Family Assistance Act, for the purposes of the Social Assistance Program, the Government may make regulations

— prescribing special benefit amounts to provide for certain particular needs, and determining the cases in which and the conditions under which they are to be granted;

— excluding, for the purpose of calculating a benefit, any or all of the income, earnings, benefits, liquid assets and property of a person eligible under the program;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 3 of section 133 of the Individual and Family Assistance Act, for the purposes of the Social Solidarity Program, the Government may make regulations prescribing, for the purposes of the third paragraph of section 72 of the Act, as it is to be read pursuant to paragraph 6 of section 77 of the Act to improve certain labour laws, more flexible rules concerning the matters referred to in that paragraph;

WHEREAS, under paragraphs 6 and 9 of section 133.1 of the Individual and Family Assistance Act, for the purposes of the Aim for Employment Program, the Government may make regulations

— prescribing, for the purposes of section 83.5 of the Act, a method for calculating the Aim for Employment benefit;

— prescribing, for the purposes of section 83.10 of the Act, the cases in which and the conditions under which the financial assistance provided for under Title I of the Act may be combined with or may replace that received under Chapter V of Title II of the Act;

WHEREAS, under paragraphs 6 and 8 of section 133.2 of the Individual and Family Assistance Act, for the purposes of the Basic Income Program, the Government may make regulations

— prescribing, for the purposes of section 83.21 of the Act, the method for calculating the basic income;

— prescribing, for the purposes of section 83.22 of the Act, the cases in which and the conditions under which a person may own certain property or liquid assets;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 1 of section 134 of the Individual and Family Assistance Act, for the purposes of Chapter II of Title III of the Act, the Government may make regulations determining that all or part of a recoverable amount need not be repaid by the debtor;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 1 of section 135 of the Individual and Family Assistance Act, as made by section 56 of the Act to improve support for persons and to simplify the social assistance regime, for the purposes of Chapter III of Title III of the Act, the Government may make regulations designating, for the purposes of section 110 of the Act, the health or social services professionals authorized to carry out the review;

WHEREAS, under section 136 of the Individual and Family Assistance Act, regulations under sections 131 to 135 of the Act may vary according to the nature of the program, according to whether they apply to an independent adult or a family, according to the composition of the family, according to the circumstances of an independent adult or a member of a family, including, in the case of a child, the child's age, rank in the family, occupation, whether the child is handicapped within the

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meaning of subparagraph *b* of the second paragraph of section 1029.8.61.18 of the Taxation Act (chapter I-3), the child's place of residence and the custody arrangements for the child, according to whether an independent adult or a member of a family is living or incarcerated in an institution or is residing in a subsidized dwelling, according to the locality or region of residence of the independent adult or the family, according to whether a debt is due following a false declaration by the debtor and according to whether the provisions apply to an independent adult who would be a member of a family if the adult's spouse or their dependent children had not ceased to be members of the family in keeping with a regulation under paragraph 9 of section 131 of the Act;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 3 December 2025 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister Responsible for Social Solidarity and Community Action:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation to amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation

Individual and Family Assistance Act
(chapter A-13.1.1, s. 131, pars. 3 and 13.1, s. 132, pars. 3.1, 8 and 10, s. 133, par. 3, s. 133.1, pars. 6 and 9, s. 133.2, pars. 6 and 8, s. 134, par. 1, s. 135, par. 1, and s. 136).

Act to improve support for persons and to simplify the social assistance regime
(2024, chapter 34, s. 49, par. 3, s. 51, par. 2, and s. 56).

1. The Individual and Family Assistance Regulation (chapter A-13.1.1, r. 1) is amended by replacing section 8 by the following:

"**8.** The amount of the support allowance granted by the Minister pursuant to section 16 of the Act to a recipient under a social assistance program who participates in a social assistance and support program is

(1) $173 per month per person for participation in a program referred to in subparagraph 1 or 2 of the second paragraph of section 15 of the Act, as replaced by section 4 of the Act to improve support for persons and to simplify the social assistance regime (2024, chapter 34);

(2) $86 per month per person for full participation in a program referred to in subparagraph 3 of the second paragraph of section 15 of the Act, as replaced by section 4 of the Act to improve support for persons and to simplify the social assistance regime;

(3) $43 per month per person for partial participation in a program referred to in subparagraph 3 of the second paragraph of section 15 of the Act, as replaced by section 4 of the Act to improve support for persons and to simplify the social assistance regime.".

2. The following is inserted after section 29:

"**30.** A physician, specialized nurse practitioner, psychologist, social worker or marital and family therapist may, within his or her field of expertise, prepare a medical or psychosocial assessment.

A physician, specialized nurse practitioner or midwife may attest to a pregnancy, the number of weeks of a pregnancy and the expected or actual date of delivery.

A health or social services professional mentioned in the first paragraph may review a decision.".

3. Section 83 is amended

(1) by replacing "of a medical report produced" in the second paragraph by "of a medical or psychosocial assessment produced";

(2) by replacing the third paragraph by the following:

"Special benefits are reimbursed by the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec in accordance with the Health Insurance Act according to its applicable standards and practices.".

4. Section 84 is amended by replacing subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by the following:

"(2) except in an emergency, prior authorization to fill the need is given by the Minister to obtain a special benefit for

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(*a*) the purchase, replacement or relining of a dental prosthesis provided for in the first paragraph of section 83;

(*b*) moving expenses for health reasons provided for in the first paragraph of section 93;

(*c*) compensation for losses suffered in a fire or natural catastrophe provided for in section 109;

(*d*) the cost of glasses or lenses provided for in Schedule I;

(*e*) the purchase or rental of a breathing apparatus provided for in sections 2.12 and 2.13.4 of Schedule III.".

5. Section 104 is amended in the second paragraph

(1) by replacing $46 in subparagraph 1 by "$90";

(2) by replacing "$23" in subparagraph 2 by "$45".

6. The following is inserted after section 109:

"**109.1.** A special benefit of $75 per person is granted to compensate a loss of food caused by a power outage of 24 hours or more following a significant weather event, in particular a thunderstorm, strong winds, freezing rain or a winter storm, up to a maximum of $300 per family.".

7. Section 111 is amended by replacing "$130" in paragraph 16.1 by "$173".

8. Section 138 is amended by inserting "or tax-free first home savings account " after "Plan" in paragraph 8.

9. Section 141 is amended

(1) by replacing "6 months" in paragraph 3 by "12 months";

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"(7) the sums accumulated in a tax-free first home savings account in accordance with the rules for such an account.".

10. Section 142 is amended by adding the following after subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph:

"(6) to cover the cost of services connected with health needs that are not met by the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec and are provided by a health or social services professional who is a member in good standing of a professional order governed by the Professional Code (chapter C-26).".

11. Section 149 is amended by replacing "138.1" in the first paragraph by "138.1 or 138.3".

12. Section 164.1 is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following:

"A pension from a succession is income, earnings or other benefits. However, when the liquid assets and value of the property owned by an independent adult or the members of a family do not exceed the total amount provided for in the first paragraph of section 164, the income, earnings and other benefits from a succession are deemed to be liquid assets referred to in subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph of that section, up to $950 per month.".

13. Section 177.1, as amended by section 8 of the Regulation to amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation made by Order in Council 1435-2025 dated 26 November 2025, is further amended, in the fourth paragraph

(1) by inserting the following before subparagraph 1:

"(0.1) the amounts referred to in section 8;";

(2) by inserting the following after subparagraph 9.2:

"(9.3) the amount referred to in paragraph 16.1 of section 111;";

(3) by inserting the following after subparagraph 13:

"(13.1) the amount referred to in paragraph 15 of section 177.29;

(13.2) the amount referred to in subparagraph 9 of the first paragraph of section 177.77;".

14. Section 177.10 is amended by replacing «a medical report" in paragraph 5 by "a medical or psychosocial assessment".

15. Section 177.13 is amended in the first paragraph

(1) by replacing "proves" in the English text by "produces a medical report establishing";

(2) by replacing "a medical report" by "a medical or psychosocial assessment".

16. Section 177.29 is amended by replacing "$130" in paragraph 15 by "$173".

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17. Section 177.40 is amended by replacing "financial assistance under" by "employment-assistance allowance referred to in".

18. Section 177.60 is amended

(1) by inserting the following after subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph:

"(2.1) increasing it, if applicable, by the special benefits referred to in sections 82 and 88.1;";

(2) by inserting ", except those referred to in sections 82 and 88.1" at the end of the third paragraph.

19. Section 177.77 is amended by replacing '$130" in subparagraph 9 of the first paragraph by "$173".

20. Section 177.79 is amended by inserting the following after subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph:

"(2.1) increasing it also by the amounts paid into a tax-free first home savings account;".

21. Section 177.80 is amended by adding the following after subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph:

"(3) increasing it also by the amounts paid into a tax-free first home savings account.".

22. Section 177.103 is amended by replacing "6 months" in paragraph 3 by "12 months".

23. Section 177.104 is amended by adding the following after subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph:

"(6) to cover the cost of services connected with health needs that are not met by the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec and are provided by a health or social services professional who is a member in good standing of a professional order governed by the Professional Code (chapter C-26).".

24. Section 177.108 is amended by inserting "or tax-free first home savings account " after "Plan" in paragraph 5.

25. Section 181 is amended by replacing "from an indemnity other than an income replacement indemnity referred to in section 138.1 or" by "an amount, other than an income replacement indemnity, referred to in section 138.1 or 138.3, or an amount".

26. Sections 64, 65, 67.3, 166 and 177.25 are amended by replacing the words "temporarily limited capacity" and "temporarily limited capacities" wherever they appear by "health constraints".

27. Sections 80.1 and 80.2, made by section 5 of the Regulation to amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation, made by Order in Council 1435-2025 dated 26 November 2025, is amended by replacing the words "temporarily limited capacity" wherever they appear by "health constraints".

28. Sections 177.43 and 177.52 are amended by replacing the words "a severely limited capacity for employment" wherever they appear by "severe health constraints".

29. Schedule III to the Regulation is amended by replacing "per year" in section 2.12.3 by "for every 12-month period".

30. This Regulation comes into force on 1 April 2026.

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Order MO-2026-002 of the Minister of Education dated 26 February 2026

Education Act
(chapter I-13.3)

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting certain conditions of employment of senior staff of school service centres and of the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION,

CONSIDERING section 451 of the Education Act (chapter I-13.3);

ONSIDERING the making of the Regulation respecting certain conditions of employment of senior staff of school service centres and of the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal by the Minister's Order dated 10 May 2012, approved by the Conseil du trésor on 8 May 2012 (T.B. 211408), and its amendments;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to amend the existing Regulation and to make the Regulation attached to this Order;

CONSIDERING that authorization has been obtained from the Conseil du trésor in accordance with section 451 of the Education Act;

CONSIDERING that the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1) is not applicable to such a regulation;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting certain conditions of employment of senior staff of school service centres and of the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal, attached to this Order, is hereby made.

Québec, 26 February 2026

SONIA LEBEL
Minister of Education

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting certain conditions of employment of senior staff of school service centres and of the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal

Education Act
(chapter I-13.3, s. 451).

1. The Regulation respecting certain conditions of employment of senior staff of school service centres and of the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal is amended in section 1

(1) by replacing "Fédération québécoise des directeurs et directrices d'établissement d'enseignement" wherever it appears by "Fédération québécoise des directions d'établissement d'enseignement";

(2) by inserting ", the Association des cadres scolaires du Grand Montréal" before "or the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires" in the definition of "association of senior staff of schools".

2. The following is inserted after section 6:

"**6.1.** The terms and conditions respecting professional membership dues are provided in Schedule VIII or, failing that, in the school service centre's management policy.".

3. Section 9 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"This section also applies to the position of principal of a centre provided for in section 110.5 of the Education Act (chapter I-13.3), with the necessary modifications.".

4. Section 11 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"This section also applies to the position of principal of a school provided for in section 96.8 of the Education Act (chapter I-13.3), with the necessary modifications.".

5. Section 12 is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

"The request must be forwarded to the director general of the Direction générale des relations du travail of the Ministère.".

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6. Section 24 is amended

(1) by inserting "by the school service centre" after "yearly" in the first paragraph;

(2) by inserting the following after the first paragraph:

"The school service centre must provide the information relating to the review to any senior staff member who requests it.".

7. Section 65 is amended by replacing "the Direction générale de la main-d'œuvre du réseau" in paragraph 2 of the first paragraph by "the Direction générale des relations du travail".

8. The title of Chapter V is amended by adding "AND WORK ORGANIZATION" at the end.

9. The following is inserted after the title of Chapter V:

"**DIVISION I**
ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE".

10. The following is inserted after section 136:

"**DIVISION II**
WORK ORGANIZATION

136.1. Taking into account the interdependence between work and personal life, the school service centre is invited to promote consideration of work-life balance in the organization of senior staff's work, for example by discussing the right to disconnect.

136.2. Senior staff perform their duties as part of an overall task and take the necessary measures to ensure the proper running of operations or performance of the mandates for which they are responsible. In that capacity, they have primary responsibility for the organization of their work, taking into account the needs of the service and the organization.".

11. Section 169 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"This section also applies to the principal of a school and the principal of a centre appointed under section 96.8 and section 110.5, respectively, of the Education Act (chapter I-13.3), with the necessary modifications."

12. Section 198 is amended by replacing "575, rue Jacques-Parizeau, 2e étage Québec (Québec) G1R 5Y8" by "1035, rue De La Chevrotière, 1er étage, bureau 120 Québec (Québec) G1R 5A5".

13. Schedule IV is amended by adding "If the application is refused, the school service centre must provide reasons for the refusal in writing." at the end of section 1.

14. Schedule VIII is replaced by the following:

"**SCHEDULE VIII**
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

1. The association of senior staff informs the school service centre of the rate of its annual professional membership dues for the school year.

2. The association of senior staff may require that the school service centre deduct the professional membership dues directly from a senior staff member's salary according to the following terms:

(1) The school service centre deducts the professional membership dues set by the association of senior staff from the senior staff member's salary;

(2) The school service centre pays the amounts collected to the association of senior staff.

3. Each year, the school service centre sends to the association of senior staff the list of its senior staff members, indicating for each member the member's name, employment status, that is, temporary, part-time or regular, the date of taking office, position title and class of employment, salary, place of work, address of the place of work and the amount of individual membership dues deducted.".

15. Schedule X is amended

(1) by replacing "Fédération québécoise des directeurs et directrices d'établissement d'enseignement" wherever it appears by "Fédération québécoise des directions d'établissement d'enseignement";

(2) by inserting ", the Association des cadres scolaires du Grand Montréal" before "and the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires" in the description of Comité du personnel de direction d'école.

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16. Schedule XIII is amended by replacing the table by the following:

CLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS OF THE COMITÉ DE GESTION DE LA TAXE SCOLAIRE DE L'ÎLE DE MONTRÉAL

POSITIONS	CLASSES
Director – School tax	10
Director – Accounting and treasury	9
Director – Strategy and organizational performance	9
Secretary general and director of legal services	9
Coordinator for school tax	8
Coordinator – Accounting and treasury	7
Coordinator of human resources	7
Coordinator of information resources	7
Coordinator – Risk management	7
Coordinator – Supply services, material resources and administration	7
Superintendent for school tax	5

17. This Regulation comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Order 2026-5516 of the Minister of Justice dated 20 February 2026

Code of Civil Procedure
(chapter C-25.01)

Districts in which mediation is mandatory and those in which arbitration is offered to the parties at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,

CONSIDERING article 570 of the Code of Civil Procedure (chapter C-25.01), as amended by section 11 of the Act to follow up on the Table Justice-Québec with a view to reducing processing times in criminal and penal matters and to make the administration of justice more efficient (2024, c. 7), which provides that the Minister of Justice determines, by order published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, the districts in which mediation is mandatory and those in which arbitration is offered to the parties at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec;

CONSIDERING section 42 of the Act to follow up on the Table Justice-Québec with a view to reducing processing times in criminal and penal matters and to make the administration of justice more efficient (2024, c. 7), which provides that mediation is mandatory and that arbitration is offered to the parties in the judicial districts of Laval, Longueuil, Québec, Richelieu and Saint-Hyacinthe, at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec;

CONSIDERING Ministerial Orders 2024-5213, 2024-5220, 2024-5273, 2024-5274, 2024-5316, 2025-5332, 2025-5347, 2025-5355, 2025-5356, 2025-5357, 2025-5376, 2025-5377, 2025-5378, 2025-5399, 2025-5400, 2025-5401, 2025-5402, 2025-5403, 2025-5409, 2025-5410, 2025-5411, 2025-5412, 2025-5457, 2025-5458, 2025-5475, 2025-5476 and 2026-5515 of the Minister of Justice made under article 570 of the Code of Civil Procedure, which respectively provide that mediation is mandatory and that arbitration is offered to the parties in the judicial districts of Beauce, Iberville, Rimouski, Kamouraska, Montmagny, Drummond, Arthabaska, Rouyn-Noranda, Témiscamingue, Abitibi, Gaspé, Bonaventure, Charlevoix, Baie-Comeau, Mingan, Alma, Chicoutimi, Roberval, Bedford, Frontenac, Mégantic, Saint-François, Beauharnois, Montréal, Gatineau, Pontiac and Saint-Maurice at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to determine another judicial district in which mediation is mandatory and in which arbitration is offered to the parties pursuant to article 570 of the Code of Civil Procedure (chapter C-25.01);

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT mediation be mandatory and that arbitration be offered to the parties in the judicial district of Joliette as of 2 March 2026.

Québec, 20 February 2026

SIMON JOLIN-BARRETTE
Minister of Justice

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Order 2026-5518 of the Minister of Justice dated 20 February 2026

Code of Civil Procedure
(chapter C-25.01)

Districts in which mediation is mandatory and those in which arbitration is offered to the parties at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,

CONSIDERING article 570 of the Code of Civil Procedure (chapter C-25.01), as amended by section 11 of the Act to follow up on the Table Justice-Québec with a view to reducing processing times in criminal and penal matters and to make the administration of justice more efficient (2024, c. 7), which provides that the Minister of Justice determines, by order published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, the districts in which mediation is mandatory and those in which arbitration is offered to the parties at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec;

CONSIDERING section 42 of the Act to follow up on the Table Justice-Québec with a view to reducing processing times in criminal and penal matters and to make the administration of justice more efficient (2024, c. 7), which provides that mediation is mandatory and that arbitration is offered to the parties in the judicial districts of Laval, Longueuil, Québec, Richelieu and Saint-Hyacinthe, at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec;

CONSIDERING Ministerial Orders 2024-5213, 2024-5220, 2024-5273, 2024-5274, 2024-5316, 2025-5332, 2025-5347, 2025-5355, 2025-5356, 2025-5357, 2025-5376, 2025-5377, 2025-5378, 2025-5399, 2025-5400, 2025-5401, 2025-5402, 2025-5403, 2025-5409, 2025-5410, 2025-5411, 2025-5412, 2025-5457, 2025-5458, 2025-5475, 2025-5476, 2026-5515, 2026-5516 and 2026-5517 of the Minister of Justice made under article 570 of the Code of Civil Procedure, which respectively provide that mediation is mandatory and that arbitration is offered to the parties in the judicial districts of Beauce, Iberville, Rimouski, Kamouraska, Montmagny, Drummond, Arthabaska, Rouyn-Noranda, Témiscamingue, Abitibi, Gaspé, Bonaventure, Charlevoix, Baie-Comeau, Mingan, Alma, Chicoutimi, Roberval, Bedford, Frontenac, Mégantic, Saint-François, Beauharnois, Montréal, Gatineau, Pontiac, Saint-Maurice, Joliette and Terrrebonne at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to determine another judicial district in which mediation is mandatory and in which arbitration is offered to the parties pursuant to article 570 of the Code of Civil Procedure (chapter C-25.01);

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT mediation be mandatory and that arbitration be offered to the parties in the judicial district of Labelle as of 2 March 2026.

Québec, 20 February 2026

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Minister of Justice

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Order 2026-5515 of the Minister of Justice dated 20 February 2026

Code of Civil Procedure
(chapter C-25.01)

Districts in which mediation is mandatory and those in which arbitration is offered to the parties at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,

CONSIDERING article 570 of the Code of Civil Procedure (chapter C-25.01), as amended by section 11 of the Act to follow up on the Table Justice-Québec with a view to reducing processing times in criminal and penal matters and to make the administration of justice more efficient (2024, c. 7), which provides that the Minister of Justice determines, by order published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, the districts in which mediation is mandatory and those in which arbitration is offered to the parties at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec;

CONSIDERING section 42 of the Act to follow up on the Table Justice-Québec with a view to reducing processing times in criminal and penal matters and to make the administration of justice more efficient (2024, c. 7), which provides that mediation is mandatory and that arbitration is offered to the parties in the judicial districts of Laval, Longueuil, Québec, Richelieu and Saint-Hyacinthe, at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec;

CONSIDERING Ministerial Orders 2024-5213, 2024-5220, 2024-5273, 2024-5274, 2024-5316, 2025-5332, 2025-5347, 2025-5355, 2025-5356, 2025-5357, 2025-5376, 2025-5377, 2025-5378, 2025-5399, 2025-5400, 2025-5401, 2025-5402, 2025-5403, 2025-5409, 2025-5410, 2025-5411, 2025-5412, 2025-5457, 2025-5458, 2025-5475 and 2025-5476 of the Minister of Justice made under article 570 of the Code of Civil Procedure, which respectively provide that mediation is mandatory and that arbitration is offered to the parties in the judicial districts of Beauce, Iberville, Rimouski, Kamouraska, Montmagny, Drummond, Arthabaska, Rouyn-Noranda, Témiscamingue, Abitibi, Gaspé, Bonaventure, Charlevoix, Baie-Comeau, Mingan, Alma, Chicoutimi, Roberval, Bedford, Frontenac, Mégantic, Saint-François, Beauharnois, Montréal, Gatineau and Pontiac at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to determine another judicial district in which mediation is mandatory and in which arbitration is offered to the parties pursuant to article 570 of the Code of Civil Procedure (chapter C-25.01);

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT mediation be mandatory and that arbitration be offered to the parties in the judicial district of Saint-Maurice as of 2 march 2026.

Québec, 20 February 2026

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Minister of Justice

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Order 2026-5517 of the Minister of Justice dated 20 February 2026

Code of Civil Procedure
(chapter C-25.01)

Districts in which mediation is mandatory and those in which arbitration is offered to the parties at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,

CONSIDERING article 570 of the Code of Civil Procedure (chapter C-25.01), as amended by section 11 of the Act to follow up on the Table Justice-Québec with a view to reducing processing times in criminal and penal matters and to make the administration of justice more efficient (2024, c. 7), which provides that the Minister of Justice determines, by order published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, the districts in which mediation is mandatory and those in which arbitration is offered to the parties at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec;

CONSIDERING section 42 of the Act to follow up on the Table Justice-Québec with a view to reducing processing times in criminal and penal matters and to make the administration of justice more efficient (2024, c. 7), which provides that mediation is mandatory and that arbitration is offered to the parties in the judicial districts of Laval, Longueuil, Québec, Richelieu and Saint-Hyacinthe, at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec;

CONSIDERING Ministerial Orders 2024-5213, 2024-5220, 2024-5273, 2024-5274, 2024-5316, 2025-5332, 2025-5347, 2025-5355, 2025-5356, 2025-5357, 2025-5376, 2025-5377, 2025-5378, 2025-5399, 2025-5400, 2025-5401, 2025-5402, 2025-5403, 2025-5409, 2025-5410, 2025-5411, 2025-5412, 2025-5457, 2025-5458, 2025-5475, 2025-5476, 2026-5515 and 2026-5516 of the Minister of Justice made under article 570 of the Code of Civil Procedure, which respectively provide that mediation is mandatory and that arbitration is offered to the parties in the judicial districts of Beauce, Iberville, Rimouski, Kamouraska, Montmagny, Drummond, Arthabaska, Rouyn-Noranda, Témiscamingue, Abitibi, Gaspé, Bonaventure, Charlevoix, Baie-Comeau, Mingan, Alma, Chicoutimi, Roberval, Bedford, Frontenac, Mégantic, Saint-François, Beauharnois, Montréal, Gatineau, Pontiac, Saint-Maurice and Joliette at the Small Claims Division of the Court of Québec;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to determine another judicial district in which mediation is mandatory and in which arbitration is offered to the parties pursuant to article 570 of the Code of Civil Procedure (chapter C-25.01);

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT mediation be mandatory and that arbitration be offered to the parties in the judicial district of Terrebonne as of 2 March 2026.

Québec, 20 February 2026

SIMON JOLIN-BARRETTE
Minister of Justice

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Order 2026-01 of the Minister Responsible for Sports, Recreation and the Outdoors dated 23 February 2026

Act respecting safety in recreation and sports (chapter S-3.1)

Regulation to ensure the integrity of persons during the practice of a recreational activity or a sport

THE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORTS, RECREATION AND THE OUTDOORS,

CONSIDERING paragraph 1 of section 55 of the Act respecting safety in recreation and sports (chapter S-3.1), which provides that the Minister Responsible for Sports, Recreation and the Outdoors may, by regulation, establish standards to ensure the safety and integrity of persons during the practice of a recreational activity or a sport; such standards may pertain, in particular, to behaviours that are prohibited;

CONSIDERING the publication in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 1 October 2025, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), of the draft Regulation to ensure the integrity of persons during the practice of a recreational activity or a sport with a notice that it could be made on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Regulation to ensure the integrity of persons during the practice of a recreational activity or a sport, attached to this Order, is hereby made.

Québec, 23 February 2026

ISABELLE CHAREST
Minister Responsible for Sports, Recreation and the Outdoors

Regulation to ensure the integrity of persons during the practice of a recreational activity or a sport

Act respecting safety in recreation and sports (chapter S-3.1, s. 55, par. 1).

DIVISION I
OBJECT AND SCOPE

1. The object of this Regulation is to promote a respectful recreation and sports culture that fosters quality experiences in a healthy and safe environment.

To that end, the Regulation establishes standards to ensure the integrity of persons during the practice of a recreational activity or a sport organized by a recreation body, sports body or sports federation.

Non-compliance with one of those standards constitutes a failure with regard to integrity that can be the subject of a complaint or a report to the recreation and sports integrity ombudsman.

DIVISION II
INTEGRITY OF PERSONS DURING THE PRACTICE OF A RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY OR A SPORT

§1. Persons involved in the practice of a recreational activity or a sport

2. This subdivision applies to every person involved in the practice of a recreational activity or a sport organized by a recreation body, sports body or sports federation, in particular the person practising a recreational activity or a sport, a parent of that person, a coach, monitor, instructor, activity leader, an official such as a referee or judge, a volunteer, spectator, or a manager or administrator of such a body or federation.

3. Every person must act in such a way so as not to compromise the physical or psychological integrity of another person by showing respect, courtesy and moderation, and by striving to create and maintain an environment that is conducive to the practice of a recreational activity or a sport in a healthy and safe environment.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, a person is likely to compromise the integrity of another person in particular where that person

(1) compels another person to commit an act against their will;

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(2) uses their influence or authority to incite another person to engage in a practice or perform an act that constitutes a risk to their health;

(3) organizes or tolerates the organization of an initiation or another activity involving degrading, humiliating or dangerous acts;

(4) inflicts bodily injuries on another person;

(5) ridicules, humiliates or disparages another person;

(6) uses language or performs acts that are abusive, offensive or threatening towards another person;

(7) expresses excessive frustration or anger or displays excessive aggressiveness towards another person;

(8) has interactions with another person that are incompatible with the nature of their relationship or exceed its appropriate boundaries;

(9) shows negligence or carelessness in the carrying out of their responsibilities in respect of another person or during the practice of a recreational activity or a sport;

(10) subjects another person to unfair treatment;

(11) engages in a discriminatory behaviour or practice towards another person; or

(12) discourages another person from making a report or filing a complaint with the recreation and sports integrity ombudsman or other competent body.

§2. Recreation bodies, sports bodies and sports federations

4. Recreation bodies, sports bodies and sports federations must take any reasonable measures at their disposal to

(1) promote the behaviours to be adopted to ensure the integrity of persons during the practice of a recreational activity or a sport, in particular by distributing the content of this Regulation;

(2) make the available resources known for persons who wish to make a report or file a compliant in the event of such a failure; and

(3) where a failure with regard to integrity is brought to their attention, protect the integrity of the person identified as the victim by providing that person with the necessary support and preventing further failures from occurring, if applicable.

DIVISION III
FINAL

5. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Activities in wetlands, bodies of water and sensitive areas
— Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting activities in wetlands, bodies of water and sensitive areas, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation amends the Regulation respecting activities in wetlands, bodies of water and sensitive areas, made by Order in Council 721-2025 dated 11 June 2025, to limit the use of explosives when work is carried out in wetlands and bodies of water exclusively in the cases where there are no other possible means of carrying out the work.

The draft Regulation specifies that, when restoration is required, revegetation of wetlands and bodies of water must also be carried out in dewatered zones and the survival rate of sphagnum, if applicable, must be 80% in the third year following revegetation.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Maude Durand, Director, Bureau de stratégie législative et réglementaire, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29e étage, boîte 14, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7; email: question.bslr@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Maude Durand at the above contact information.

BENOIT CHARETTE
Acting Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting activities in wetlands, bodies of water and sensitive areas

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, s. 46.0.22, pars. 10 and 12).

1. The Regulation respecting activities in wetlands, bodies of water and sensitive areas, made by Order in Council 721-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended in section 9 by adding the following at the end:

"(3) explosives may be used only when the work requires it and there are no other means of carrying out the work.".

2. Section 14 is amended by striking out "in the dewatered zone," in subparagraph *b* of subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph.

3. Section 16 is amended by inserting ", or in the third year in the case of sphagnum" after "revegetation" in paragraph 2.

4. This Regulation comes into force on (*insert the date that is 15 days after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec*), except section 2, which comes into force on (*insert the date that is 180 days after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec*).

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Draft Regulation

Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities
(chapter P-41.1)

Authorization for the alienation or use of a lot without the authorization of the Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the authorization for the alienation or use of a lot without the authorization of the Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation identifies new municipal and public service purposes to which section 41 of the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities (chapter P-41.1) applies, allowing a municipality, a community, a department, a public agency or an agency providing public services to use a lot situated in an agricultural zone for such purposes without the authorization of the Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec. The draft Regulation defines the circumstances in which the new uses will not require authorization and changes the conditions for certain other uses provided for in the Regulation.

The draft Regulation makes changes to the circumstances in which the ancillary use by a producer of a portion of the producer's agricultural operation for receptions does not require authorization from the commission and to the circumstances in which meal service at a farm is allowed. In addition, it identifies new uses ancillary to an agricultural operation that are allowed without authorization in the circumstances specified. The draft Regulation sets out the conditions on which permanent sanitary facilities may be installed without the authorization of the commission and amends the conditions applicable to the development of a parking space without an authorization.

The draft Regulation amends the circumstances in which an area for the sale of farm products at the farm may be developed and used by a producer and specifies the circumstances in which such a space may be developed by several producers. It amends the conditions relating to farm visits and the processing by a producer of farm products from other producers, as well as the circumstances in which a producer may process products from other producers without authorization from the commission. The draft Regulation also permits the packaging and storage of such products on certain conditions. It exempts the processing, packaging and storage of farm products by several producers from the requirement to obtain the authorization of the commission, provided they comply with certain conditions. In addition, the draft Regulation sets out the circumstances in which agricultural biomethanization activities are allowed without authorization from the commission.

The draft Regulation amends the circumstances in which filling, clearing and raising work may be carried out for a producer to promote the practice of agriculture without the authorization of the commission.

Under the draft Regulation, filming or the production of video content that does not require permanent infrastructure, a use for the purpose of enhancing or restoring a natural setting, and a use for extensive recreational purposes in a territory established under the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01) where the cultivation of the soil, the pasture of animals and the production of maple syrup are prohibited, are allowed without the authorization of the commission on certain conditions.

Last, the draft Regulation allows, on certain conditions, a change of main use for a purpose other than agriculture on a maximum area of one hectare benefitting from an acquired right recognized under Chapter VII of the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities, for lots of 4 hectares or less.

To date, study of the matter has shown that the draft Regulation imposes no additional direct costs for enterprises. In contrast, it provides regulatory relief in terms of administrative formalities and duties payable resulting in savings of over $50,000 per year.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Éric Guillemette, assistant director, Direction des affaires territoriales, Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 10e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6; email: eric.guillemette@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Geneviève Masse, assistant deputy minister, Sous-ministériat au développement durable, territorial et sectoriel, Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et

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DONALD MARTEL
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the authorization for the alienation or use of a lot without the authorization of the Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec

Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities
(chapter P-41.1, s. 80, 1st par., subpar. (7) and 2nd par., subpars. 1, 2, and 4 to 7).

1. The Regulation respecting the authorization for the alienation or use of a lot without the authorization of the Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec (chapter P-41.1, r. 1.1) is amended in section 2

(1) in the part preceding paragraph 1

(*a*) by inserting "by a municipality, a community, a department, a public agency or an agency providing public services" after "purposes";

(*b*) by replacing "Preservation of Agricultural Land and Agricultural Activities Regulation (chapter P-41.1, r. 1)" by "Regulation respecting the carrying out of certain work without the authorization of the Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec and respecting the permit for the removal of topsoil (chapter P-41.1, r. 5.1)";

(2) by inserting the following before paragraph 1:

"(0.1) public service work to ensure the protection of persons or property or to maintain the integrity of the primary function of equipment or infrastructure when a disaster has occurred or is imminent;";

(3) by replacing "on a lot contiguous to an immovable to be served" in paragraph 5 by "less than 1 m from an access road to the immovable served, a ditch or the boundary of a field ";

(4) by inserting the following after paragraph 5:

"(5.1) the underground installation of a cable, electric power line or pipe alongside a public road;

"(5.2) the installation of an underground water drainage pipe outside the right of way of a public road;";

(5) by replacing "Preservation of Agricultural Land and Agricultural Activities Regulation" by "Regulation respecting the carrying out of certain work without the authorization of the Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec and respecting the permit for the removal of topsoil";

(6) by adding the following at the end:

"(7) an encroachment for the placement of anchoring and stabilizing devices for the installation, replacement, repair or maintenance of a section of 2 km or less of an electric power line;

"(8) exploration, sampling, drilling and technical survey work other than work using a wind measurement mast;

"(9) the placement of a wind measurement mast;

"(10) the installation of a weather station or environmental sensor to monitor precipitation, wind or air quality;

"(11) the installation of an acoustic warning device to warn the public in the event of a disaster.".

2. The following is inserted after section 2:

"**2.1.** An allowed use under this Division includes the transportation of persons and necessary materials to the place where the work is to be performed.

An access road developed for the purpose referred to in the first paragraph must meet the conditions of paragraphs 1.1 to 5 of section 8 as well as the following conditions:

(1) it is located less than 1 m from a ditch or the boundary of a field or is the extension of an existing road;

(2) it has a maximum carriageway width of 5.5 m;

(3) the total encroachment does not exceed 1 ha, excluding any existing roads;

(4) no maple tree is cut in a sugar bush.

The laying out of an access road for the maintenance of a section of 1 km or less of an electric power line is also allowed on the conditions provided for in this section. This use includes the transportation of persons and necessary materials to the place where the work is to be performed.

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"**2.2.** Work to ensure the protection of persons or property or to maintain the integrity of the primary function of equipment or infrastructure, if necessary when a disaster has occurred or is imminent, is allowed on the following conditions:

(1) the work is to begin within 12 months following the disaster or following the realization that a disaster is imminent;

(2) notice of the work is sent to the commission within 30 days after the work begins using the form prescribed by the commission along with a technical note showing that a disaster is imminent, in the case of an imminent disaster;

(3) the work will not unduly limit farm machinery traffic and access to fields;

(4) the work will not, once completed, hinder the agricultural drainage capacity on the lot and on adjacent lots;

(5) in the case of underground work, the layer of topsoil removed at the beginning of the work is set aside to be reused during restoration or is covered by an equivalent protection measure determined by an agrologist;

(6) at the end of the work, the ground of the site and its access roads is either

(*a*) cleaned, decompacted at depth, levelled, covered by a uniform layer of topsoil and restored to its former condition; or

(*b*) otherwise rehabilitated in accordance with a recommendation made by an agrologist.

For the purposes of this section, "disaster" has the meaning given in the Act respecting civil protection to promote disaster resilience (chapter S-2.4).".

3. Section 6 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph

(*a*) by replacing "15" in subparagraph 1 by "30";

(*b*) by inserting the following after subparagraph 2:

"(2.1) field drainage is ensured during the work;

"(2.2) farm machinery traffic and field access are not hindered during the work;";

(*c*) by replacing "does not" in paragraph 3 by "will not, once completed,";

(*d*) by adding "or is covered by an equivalent protection measure determined by an agrologist " at the end of paragraph 4;

(*e*) by striking out "and the ground of the site and its access roads is then cleaned, decompacted at depth, levelled and rehabilitated to its former condition" in paragraph 6;

(*f*) by adding the following at the end of the first paragraph:

"(7) at the end of the work, the ground at the site and its access roads is either

(*a*) cleaned, decompacted at depth, levelled and restored to its former condition;

(*b*) otherwise rehabilitated in accordance with a recommendation made by an agrologist;";

(2) in the second paragraph

(*a*) by striking out "dismantling,";

(*b*) by inserting ", 2.1" after "subparagraphs 1" in the second paragraph.

4. Section 7 is amended

(1) by replacing the first paragraph by the following:

"The installation of a cable, an electric power line or a pipe to service an immovable is allowed where the cable, electric power line or pipe is installed less than 1 m from an access road to the immovable served, a ditch or the boundary of a field.";

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"For the installation of an electric power line, an encroachment for the placement of anchoring and stabilizing devices is allowed on a lot or a group of lots that are or are deemed to be contiguous covering a maximum area of 0.5 ha belonging to the same owner.".

5. The following is inserted after section 7:

"**7.1.** The underground installation of a cable, an electric power line or a pipe is allowed alongside a public road if every point of the cable, electric power line or pipe is at no more than 10 m from right of way of the road on the conditions provided for in section 6, except as regards the minimum depth provided for in subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph of that section, which must be 1.6 m.

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"**7.2.** In the case of an underground water drainage pipe, it may be installed, in addition to the cases provided for in sections 7 and 7.1, outside the right of way of a public road on the conditions provided for in subparagraphs 2 to 4, 6 and 7 of the first paragraph of section 6 and on the following conditions:

(1) the pipe is buried over a length of less than 500 m and its top part is buried to a depth of at least 0.9 m;

(2) the work lasts no longer than 7 days and is supervised by an agrologist.".

6. Section 8 is amended

(1) in the part preceding paragraph1

(*a*) by replacing "15" by "30";

(*b*) by replacing "Preservation of Agricultural Land and Agricultural Activities Regulation (chapter P-41.1, r. 1)" by "Regulation respecting the carrying out of certain work without the authorization of the Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec and respecting the permit for the removal of topsoil (chapter P-41.1, r. 5.1)";

(2) by inserting the following after paragraph 1:

"(1.1) field drainage is ensured for the duration of the work;

"(1.2) farm machinery traffic and field access are not hindered during the work;";

(3) by replacing "does not" in paragraph 2 by "will not, once completed,";

(4) in paragraph 3

(*a*) by inserting "in the case of underground work or excavation," at the start;

(*b*) by adding ", or is covered by an equivalent protection measure determined by an agrologist" at the end;

(5) by replacing paragraph 4 by the following:

"(4) at the end of the work, the ground at the site and its access roads is either

(*a*) cleaned, decompacted at depth, levelled and restored to its former condition;

(*b*) otherwise rehabilitated in accordance with a recommendation made by an agrologist;";

(6) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"The width of the encroachment provided for in this section may not be combined with the width provided for in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 6 for the same period on the same lot or a lot that is or is deemed to be contiguous belonging to the same producer.".

7. The following is inserted after section 8:

"**8.1.** For the installation, replacement, repair or maintenance of a section of 2 km or less of an overhead electric power line, an encroachment of not more than 1 m for the placement of anchoring and stabilizing devices is allowed outside the right of way of the power line or the right of way of a public road or a public road with a no-access servitude.

An encroachment for the placement of anchoring and stabilizing devices is allowed on a lot or a group of lots that are or are deemed to be contiguous covering a maximum area of 0.5 ha belonging to the same owner."

8. The following is inserted after section 9:

"**9.1.** Exploration, sampling, drilling and technical survey work, other than work using a wind measurement mast, performed prior to a project are allowed on the conditions provided for in subparagraphs 1.1 to 5 of the first paragraph of section 8 and on the following conditions:

(1) the work is not performed to survey for petroleum, natural gas, white hydrogen, minerals or metals;

(2) no maple tree is cut in a sugar bush;

(3) work requiring the use of heavy machinery that damages the soil and crops is carried out outside the growing season, in other words before sowing and after harvest;

(4) the work is not carried out on the same lot in more than two consecutive years.

"**9.2.** The placement of a wind measurement mast is allowed on the following conditions:

(1) no maple tree is cut in a sugar bush;

(2) the work will not, once completed, hinder agricultural drainage on the lot and on adjacent lots;

(3) in the case of underground work or excavation, the layer of topsoil removed at the beginning of the work is set aside to be reused during restoration or is covered by an equivalent protection measure determined by an agrologist;

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(4) the area used to install equipment does not exceed 1 ha, including the work zone and temporary access roads but excluding existing roads;

(5) the mast is placed on soils of classes 3 to 7 or on organic soil, based on the Canada Land Inventory, provided that, in the case of organic soil, it is not cultivated;

(6) dismantling work is supervised by an agrologist;

(7) at the end of the work, the ground at the site and its access roads is either

(*a*) cleaned, decompacted at depth, levelled and restored to its former condition; or

(*b*) otherwise rehabilitated in accordance with a recommendation made by an agrologist;

(8) the total duration of the placement, in other words the period between the start of work and the return of the lot to its former condition, is no more than 24 months, or 30 months if the work ends in winter.

"**9.3.** The installation of a weather station or environmental sensor to monitor precipitation, wind or air quality is allowed on the following conditions:

(1) no maple tree is cut in a sugar bush;

(2) the device is installed on a pole placed less than 1 m from the boundary of a property, woodlot or ditch;

(3) the footprint at ground level is less than 1 m^2;

(4) no anchoring device at a distance from the pole, such as a stay or strut, is installed;

"**9.4.** The installation of an acoustic warning device to warn the public in the event of a disaster is allowed if it is installed on an existing pole or building.".

9. Section 10 is struck out.

10. Section 11 is amended

(1) by replacing "processing" in paragraph 2 by "storage, packaging, processing or sale";

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"(5) a use for the purpose of enhancing or restoring a natural setting or a use for extensive recreational purposes in a territory established under the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01) and where the cultivation of the soil, the pasture or animals and the production of maple syrup are prohibited;

"(6) filming or the production of video content that does not require permanent infrastructure.".

11. The following is inserted after section 11:

"**11.1.** Temporary sanitary facilities may be installed for the purposes of subdivisions 1 and 2 of this Division.

A single permanent sanitary facility may also be installed for the purposes of sections 13.1, 15 and 17 on the following conditions:

(1) it is situated less than 100 m from the producer's residence, the main agricultural building or a temporary parking space;

(2) it comprises a sanitary block with an area not exceeding 15 m^2;

(3) it is served by existing water supply and wastewater disposal systems.

"**11.2.** If more than one use allowed under this Division giving entitlement to the development of a parking space applies on the site of an agricultural operation, only one parking space may be developed. The maximum area of the parking space is the area specified for the use with the greatest authorized area.

When a use giving entitlement to the development of a parking space no longer exists, the ground it occupies must be restored to its former condition. The area of a parking space must also be reduced and the ground restored to its former condition when the use giving entitlement to the greatest area of parking space ends definitively.".

12. Section 13 is amended :

(1) by replacing "30" by "40" in paragraph 3;

(2) by replacing "40" by "50" in paragraph 4.

13. Section 13.1 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph

(*a*) by replacing subparagraph 1 by the following:

"(1) all the products used in the meals offered at receptions come from Québec agriculture provided they are available in Québec, while giving priority to local and regional products;

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"(1.1) the receptions showcase the products of the producer's agricultural operation and, for that purpose, a minimum of 30% of the products referred to in subparagraph 1, by market value, come from the producer's operation;";

(*b*) by replacing "3" in subparagraph 2 by "4";

(*c*) in subparagraph 3

(i) by replacing "guests" by "participants";

(ii) by replacing "50" by "100";

(*d*) by replacing "guests" in subparagraph 4 by "participants";

(*e*) in subparagraph 7

(i) in subsubparagraph *c*

(I) by striking out "temporary";

(II) by replacing "1,000" by "1,500";

(iii) by striking out subsubparagraph *d*;

(2) by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

"In addition, the holding of a maximum of two events, over a maximum period of 4 consecutive days per event and per fiscal year of the producer, with a maximum of 200 participants per event, is allowed in the circumstances provided for in subparagraphs 1, 1.1 and 4 to 9 of the first paragraph. If several events are held on the same day, they must take place consecutively and there may not be more than 200 participants on the site of the agricultural operation at any time.".

14. The following is inserted after section 13.1:

"**13.2.** When the capacity of a parking space referred to in subsubparagraph *c* of subparagraph 7 of the first paragraph of section 13.1 is reached, an additional parking space may also be developed temporarily for a reception or event. The ground of the parking space must remain under plant cover.

"**13.3.** The storage of farm machinery used in an ancillary manner in a producer's agricultural operation for purposes other than agriculture is allowed on a farm.

This section applies only to farm machinery that does not exceed the needs of the producer's agricultural operation.".

15. The heading of subdivision 2 of Division II of Chapter II is amended by replacing "processing" by "storage, packaging, processing or sale".

16. Section 14 is amended

(1) by replacing "processing" in the part preceding paragraph 1 by "storage, packaging, processing or sale";

(2) by striking out ", at least 25% of which are from the producer" in paragraph 3;

(3) by replacing "guided visits" in paragraph 4 by "farm visits including an interpretation activity";

(4) by replacing paragraph 6 by the following:

"(6) the storage, packaging or processing of farm products;

"(7) a use relating to agricultural biomethanization activities.".

17. Section 15 is amended

(1) by replacing paragraph 1 by the following:

"(1) all the products used in the meal come from Québec agriculture provided they are available in Québec, while giving priority to local and regional products;

(1.1) the meal showcases the products of the producer's agricultural operation and, for that purpose, a minimum of 30% of the products referred to in paragraph 1, by market value, come from the producer's operation;";

(2) in paragraph 2

(*a*) by replacing "less than 20" by "no more than 60";

(*b*) by adding "and occupies a maximum area of 120 m^2" at the end;

(3) by inserting the following after paragraph 2:

"(2.1) a parking space occupying a maximum area of 1,000 m^2 is developed for visitors;".

18. Section 16.1 is replaced by the following:

"**16.1.** The development and use of a sales area at a farm, by a producer, to sell farm products from other producers are allowed in the following circumstances:

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(1) the farm products offered for sale come from Québec producers but priority is given to the sale of local and regional products;

(2) at least 30% of the products referred to in subparagraph 1, by market value, come from the producer's farm;

(3) the total sales area does not exceed 50 m^2;

(4) a single parking space of 200 m^2 is developed for visitors.

Farm sales of promotional or artisanal products are also allowed if the products offered for sale do not exceed 20% by market value of the farm products referred to in the first paragraph. Such products must either

(1) showcase the farm brand; or

(2) showcase local or regional enterprises.

"**16.2.** The development and use of a sales area at a farm, by several producers, to sell farm products are allowed in the following circumstances:

(1) the enterprise carrying out the sales activities is controlled by the producers who supply a majority of the farm products offered for sale;

(2) the contract is recorded in writing;

(3) the sales area is located on the farm of one of the producers referred to in subparagraph 1;

(4) the farm products offered for sale come from Québec producers and priority is given to the sale of local and regional products;

(5) a majority of the products referred to in subparagraph 4, by market value, come from producers referred to in subparagraph 1;

(6) the total sales area does not exceed 80 m^2;

(7) a single parking space of 200 m^2 is developed for visitors.

The second paragraph of section 16.1 applies, with the necessary modifications.".

19. Section 17 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph

(*a*) by replacing "Guided visits" by "Farm visits including an interpretation activity";

(*b*) by striking out ", vehicle";

(*c*) by replacing "1,000" by "1,500";

(*d*) by replacing "and temporary sanitation facilities" by "or the permanent sanitation facilities referred to in the second paragraph of section 11.1";

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"When the maximum capacity of the parking space referred to in the first paragraph is reached, an additional parking space may also be developed temporarily. The ground of the temporary parking space must remain under plant cover.".

20. Section 17.2 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph

(*a*) in the part preceding subparagraph 1

(i) by inserting ", packaging and storage at the farm, by a producer" after "processing";

(ii) by replacing "is allowed" by "are allowed";

(*b*) by replacing subparagraphs 1 and 2 by the following:

"(1) the products processed, packaged or stored are from Québec producers provided they are available in Québec and priority is given to the processing, packaging or storage of local and regional products;

"(2) at least 30% of the processed, packaged or stored products, by market value, are from the producer's farm;";

(*c*) in paragraph 3

(i) by inserting ", packaging or storage" after "processing";

(ii) by replacing "structure" by "space";

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"The products resulting from processing must mainly showcase Québec products while priority is given to the showcasing of local and regional products.".

21. The following is inserted after section 17.2:

"**17.3.** The processing, packaging and storage of farm products, at the farm, by several producers are allowed in the following circumstances:

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(1) the enterprise carrying out the processing, packaging or storage activities is controlled by the producers who supply a majority of the farm products offered for sale;

(2) the contract between the producers is recorded in writing;

(3) the farm products processed, packaged or stored are from Québec producers provided they are available in Québec while giving priority to the processing, packaging or storage of regional products;

(4) a majority of the products referred to in subparagraph 3, by market value, come from producers referred to in subparagraph 1;

(5) the space used for processing, packaging or storage is located on the farm of one of the producers referred to in subparagraph 1 and may only be used for that purpose;

(6) the total area used for processing, packaging or storage does not exceed 600 m^2.

The products resulting from processing must mainly showcase Québec products while priority is given to the showcasing of local and regional products.".

22. The following is inserted after section 17.2:

"***§2.1.*** *Use for agricultural biomethanization activities*

"**17.4.** Agricultural biomethanization activities are allowed, without the authorization of the commission, in the cases and circumstances provided for in this subdivision, provided that they are ancillary to the agricultural activities of all the producers involved in those activities.

The construction of biomethanization facilities must be covered by a declaration to the commission using the form prescribed by the commission, before works begins, and by an attestation that the construction will comply with the standards set out in sections 17.6 and 17.7.

"**17.5.** An enterprise carrying out agricultural biomethanization activities must be controlled by the producers who provide a majority of the products used for the activities.

The contract must be recorded in writing.

"**17.6.** The biomethanization facilities must be located on a lot belonging to one of the producers referred to in the first paragraph of section 17.5, at a distance not more than 150 m from a farm building or infrastructure and at a distance not more than 30 m from a public road.

The maximum area occupied by the facilities must not exceed 2 ha including the area used to transport materials and persons and the area occupied by the gas injection station. The area of existing roads and infrastructures, and the area occupied by pipes used to transport purified renewable natural gas for injection into the network, are excluded.

"**17.7.** The area of the right of way of the pipes used to transport natural gas referred to in the second paragraph of section 17.6 may not exceed 0.5 ha.

The conditions provided for in section 6 apply, with the necessary modifications, to the installation of the pipes, except as regards the minimum depth provided for in subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph of that section, which must be 1.6 m.

"**17.8.** The products used for biomethanization activities must be agricultural and a majority of them must be from the producers referred to in the first paragraph of section 17.5. The agricultural operations of those producers must be located within a 50 km radius of the biomethanization facilities.

The remainder of the products used must be from farms or enterprises in the agrifood sector within the same radius.

"**17.9.** The animal waste used for biomethanization activities and the digestate may be stored in a tank existing on 1 January 2027 provided that it is located within 50 km of the biomethanization facilities and that its storage capacity is not increased to store the waste and digestate.

"**17.10.** If the use for biomethanization purposes is authorized by the commission, the animal waste and the digestate may also be stored in an existing tank, without the authorization of the commission, on the conditions provided for in section 17.9.".

23. Section 22 is amended, in the first paragraph

(1) by replacing ", clearing and raising" in the part preceding subparagraph 1 by "and clearing";

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(2) by adding "on the same lot or contiguous lots or lots deemed to be contiguous belonging to the same producer" at the end of paragraph 1.

24. Section 25 is replaced by the following:

"**25.** Raising work is allowed in an agricultural zone without the authorization of the commission when it is carried out for a producer and intended to promote the practice of agriculture, on the following conditions:

(1) the purpose of the work is solely to improve cultivation conditions or allow for better drainage;

(2) the work is recommended and supervised by an agrologist;

(3) the raising does not exceed 50 cm;

(4) the raising materials are free of any matter likely to affect cultivation of the soil.".

25. The following is inserted after section 25:

"***§5.*** *Use for the purpose of enhancing or restoring a natural setting or use for extensive recreation purposes in a territory established under the Natural Heritage Conservation Act*

"**25.1.** In a territory established under the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01) where cultivation of the soil, animal grazing and maple syrup production are prohibited, use for the purpose of enhancing or restoring a natural setting is allowed, without the authorization of the commission, on the following conditions:

(1) it is carried out on a lot covered by an authorization of the commission for a use other than agriculture, pursuant to section 26 of the Act;

(2) if it targets the creation or development of a watercourse or body of water, the work does not alter the hydrological regime, soil drainage or natural runoff.

"**25.2.** In a territory established under the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01) where cultivation of the soil, animal grazing and maple syrup production are prohibited, use for extensive recreational purposes is allowed, without the authorization of the commission, on the following conditions:

(1) it is carried out on a lot covered by an authorization of the commission for a use other than agriculture, pursuant to section 26 of the Act;

(2) if it targets the development of recreational trails for off-road vehicles, the trails are located more than 30 m from the boundaries of the territory.

"***§6.*** *Filming or the production of video content*

"**25.3.** Filming or the production of video content that does not require permanent infrastructure is allowed on the following conditions:

(1) the placing of the infrastructures will not, once completed, hinder agricultural drainage on the lot and on adjacent lots;

(2) in the case of excavation, the layer of topsoil removed at the beginning of the work is set aside to be reused during restoration or is covered by an equivalent protection measure determined by an agrologist;

(3) the filming or production will not make a new breeding unit or an increase in the activities of an existing breeding unit subject to a separation distance requirement for odour;

(4) the filming or production lasts no more than one year;

(5) the infrastructures used are removed from the lot at the end of the filming or production;

(6) the lot is restored to its former condition and, if the soil was excavated, the site is cleaned, decompacted at depth, levelled and covered by a uniform layer of topsoil.

"**DIVISION III**
"CHANGE OF MAIN USE FOR A PURPOSE OTHER THAN AGRICULTURE ON A MAXIMUM AREA OF ONE HECTARE BENEFITTING FROM AN ACQUIRED RIGHT RECOGNIZED UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE ACT

"**25.4.** A change of main use for a purpose other than agriculture on a maximum area of one hectare benefitting from an acquired right recognized under chapter VII of the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities (chapter P-41.1) is allowed, without the authorization of the commission, when the planned use is in the same commercial or industrial category as the use covered by the acquired right recognized by the commission and will not make a new breeding unit or an increase in the activities of an existing breeding unit subject to a separation distance requirement for odour that is more restrictive than the use benefitting from the acquired right.

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The first paragraph applies only to a lot of 4 hectares or less.”.

26. Until the coming into force of a by-law made pursuant to paragraph 3 of section 19.1 of the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities (chapter P-41.1) determining the forms to be used for the administration of the subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 2.2 of the Regulation respecting the authorization for the alienation or use of a lot without the authorization of the Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec (chapter P-41.1, r. 1.1), enacted by 2 of this Regulation, the notice of work referred to in that subparagraph must include the following information:

(1) the name of the municipality, community, department, public agency or agency providing public services;

(2) the designation of the lot or part of lot affected by the work and the municipality in which it is located;

(3) the current use of the lot or part of lot affected;

(4) a description of the work, including the area affected and a general plan showing the work in detail;

(5) the planned date and duration of the work;

(6) the name, address, telephone number, email address and function of the person responsible for the work;

(7) in the case of an imminent disaster, mention of the fact that a technical notice has been appended;

(8) an attestation stating that the information provided is accurate.

27. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, except section 22 which comes into force on 1 January 2027.

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Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Declaration of water withdrawals
— Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the declaration of water withdrawals, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation makes a consequential amendment to take into account the amendment with respect to the scope of the expression "temporary industrial camp" made by the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Maude Durand, Director, Bureau de stratégie législative et réglementaire, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29e étage, boîte 14, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7; email: question.bslr@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Maude Durand at the above contact information.

BENOIT CHARETTE
Acting Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the declaration of water withdrawals

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, s. 46, par. 16, subpars. *j* and *l*).

1. Section 2 of the Regulation respecting the declaration of water withdrawals (chapter Q-2, r. 14), amended by section 1 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the declaration of water withdrawals, made by Order in Council 744-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is further amended by replacing "80" in the definition of "temporary industrial camp" by "100".

2. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities
(chapter P-41.1)

Declarations required under the Act, the erection of rudimentary structures and advertising billboards, the enlargement of residential sites and the dismemberment of property for which no authorization is required
— Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the declarations required under the Act, the erection of rudimentary structures and advertising billboards, the enlargement of residential sites and the dismemberment of property for which no authorization is required, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation proposes to increase the floor area of a rudimentary structure to be used as a shelter in a wooded area and that may be erected without authorization from the Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec, and to permit the laying out of a space accessory to the rudimentary structure provided there is compliance with a surface area requirement.

To date, study of the matter has shown that the draft Regulation does not impose any direct costs on enterprises and results in regulatory relief.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Éric Guillemette, assistant director, Direction des affaires territoriales, Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6; email: eric.guillemette@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Geneviève Masse, assistant deputy minister, Sous-ministériat au développement durable, territorial et sectoriel, Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 12e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6; email: genevieve.masse@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca.

DONALD MARTEL
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the declarations required under the Act, the erection of rudimentary structures and advertising billboards, the enlargement of residential sites and the dismemberment of property for which no authorization is required

Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities
(chapter P-41.1, s. 80, 1st par., subpar. 6.1).

1. The Regulation respecting the declarations required under the Act, the erection of rudimentary structures and advertising billboards, the enlargement of residential sites and the dismemberment of property for which no authorization is required (chapter P-41.1, r. 2) is amended in section 1

(1) by replacing "20" by "30";

(2) by adding the following at the end: "In addition, a space accessory to the rudimentary structure may also be laid out provided it does not exceed 6 m^2"."

2. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2)

Emergency vehicles and vehicles equipped with flashing or rotating amber lights
— Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting emergency vehicles and vehicles equipped with flashing or rotating amber lights, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The main purpose of the draft Regulation is to amend certain criteria that a road vehicle must meet in order to be recognized as an emergency vehicle and to establish new criteria, in particular to allow for the recognition, in new situations, of a vehicle used for emergency vehicle driving courses and for the recognition of a vehicle owned by a fire chief and used occasionally to rush to the site of a disaster. The draft Regulation also updates the certificate of recognition and the sticker provided for as a schedule to the Regulation.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting François Fortin, director general, Direction générale de l'expertise légale et de la sécurité des véhicules, Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, E-4-34, case postale 19600, succursale Terminus, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6; telephone: 418 528-4438; email: francois.fortin@saaq.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Nadia Fournier, director, Direction des relations gouvernementales et du soutien administratif, Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, N-6-2, case postale 19600, succursale Terminus, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6; email: nadia.fournier@saaq.gouv.qc.ca. The comments will be forwarded by the Société to the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility.

JONATAN JULIEN
Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting emergency vehicles and vehicles equipped with flashing or rotating amber lights

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2, s. 618, par. 1, and s. 621, 1st par., subpar. 5).

1. The Regulation respecting emergency vehicles and vehicles equipped with flashing or rotating amber lights (chapter C-24.2, r. 49) is amended in section 1

(1) by replacing paragraph 4 by the following:

"(4) for driving courses for emergency vehicles provided the vehicle is owned by the Gouvernement du Québec, the École nationale de Police du Québec, the École nationale des pompiers du Québec or an educational institution recognized by the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports or the Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology;";

(2) by replacing "Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs" in paragraph 5 by "Gouvernement du Québec or the Government of Canada";

(3) by replacing paragraph 6 by the following:

"(6) to rush to the site of a disaster threatening public safety provided the vehicle is owned by the Gouvernement du Québec or the Government of Canada.".

2. The following is inserted after section 1:

"**1.1.** The Société also recognizes a road vehicle as an emergency vehicle if a certificate of mechanical inspection issued under the Regulation respecting safety standards for road vehicles (chapter C-24.2, r. 32) by the Société or a person authorized to inspect a road vehicle on its behalf, less than one month from the date of the application for recognition, indicates that the vehicle conforms, that it is used occasionally to rush to the site of a disaster and is owned by a fire chief.".

3. Section 2 is amended by replacing "no longer complies with the criteria of recognition in section 1" in the first paragraph by "no longer complies with the criteria of recognition in section 1 or 1.1".

4. Section 5 is amended by striking out paragraph 4.

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5. Schedules I and II are replaced by the following:

"**SCHEDULE I**
(Section 2)

STICKER AND CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE

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SCHEDULE II
(Section 6)

STICKER AND CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION OF A VEHICLE THAT MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH AMBER LIGHTS

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6. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Act respecting certain measures enabling the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation
(chapter M-11.6)

Fertilizing residual materials management — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation amends the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code (chapter Q-2, r. 9.02) mainly to provide special standards for agricultural digestates that are subject to an exemption from authorization, in connection with an amendment made by the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*, and for certain types of topsoil consisting of fertilizing residual materials. Adjustments are also made to the rules for the sampling of fertilizing residual materials, to the conditions for the field storage of the materials, to the information that must be included in a siting plan contained in a reclamation agro-environmental plan and to the composition of the panel for a sniffing test. Consequential amendments are made to the provisions respecting the monetary administrative penalties and penal sanctions.

The amendments proposed to the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code with respect to agricultural digestates and the easing of the conditions for the exemption from authorization associated with the digestates proposed by the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec* would result in an annual saving of $67,700. As regards topsoil, the reduction of the analysis of the microbiological parameters for topsoil consisting of fertilizing residual materials would result in an annual saving of $21,700. New tightening provisions would impose additional compliance costs of $19,000 for analyses for the verification of the quality of all-purpose topsoil and about $3,000 for producing attestations guaranteeing the safety of the products put on the market.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Maude Durand, Director, Bureau de stratégie législative et réglementaire, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29e étage, boîte 14, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7; email: question.bslr@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Maude Durand at the above contact information.

BENOIT CHARETTE
Acting Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks

Regulation to amend the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, s. 53.30, 1st par., subpars. 1, 4 and 5, and s. 95.1, 1st par., subpars. 3, 4, 6, 18, 20, 21, 24 and 25.1).

Act respecting certain measures enabling the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation
(chapter M-11.6, s. 30, 1st par., and s. 45, 1st par.).

1. The Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code (chapter Q-2, r. 9.02) is amended in section 1

(1) by replacing "enfin" in the French text of the fourth paragraph by "aussi";

(2) by inserting the following after the fourth paragraph:

"Lastly, this Code sets out special standards for agricultural digestates stored and spread under an exemption from authorization in accordance with section 291.20 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact and for certain types of topsoil consisting of fertilizing residual materials.".

2. Section 23 is amended by inserting the following after the first paragraph:

"Despite subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph, when the analysis pertains to PFAS, the sampling must have been conducted in the 12 months preceding the filing of a declaration of compliance.

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Despite subparagraphs 1 to 3 of the first paragraph, when the analysis pertains to dioxins and furans or the parameters in Table 10 of Schedule I, the sampling frequency may be the frequency set out in subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the first paragraph of section 20.".

3. Section 42 is amended by replacing "during" in the second paragraph by "outside".

4. Section 52 is amended in the first paragraph

(1) by replacing subparagraph 2 by the following:

"(2) on snow-covered soil in the case of a FRM, other than compost, having a carbon/nitrogen ratio less than 25;";

(2) by inserting the following after subparagraph *c* of subparagraph 5:

"(*d*) is a compost;

(*e*) has a combined total nitrogen and total P_2O_5 content less than 1% on a dry basis;".

5. Section 53 is amended by replacing "a Class P1 compost having a dryness value equal to or greater than 25%" in subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph by "a compost".

6. Section 89, amended by the Regulation to amend the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2026, is further amended by striking out subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph.

7. The following is inserted after section 101:

"**CHAPTER VI.1**
AGRICULTURAL DIGESTATES

101.1. This Chapter applies to the storage of agricultural digestates on a raising site or spreading site, for reclamation by spreading, and to their spreading on such a site, carried out under an exemption from authorization in accordance with section 291.20 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1).

101.2. When the operator of a raising site, a spreading site or a site where a forest development activity is carried out requires the services of a third person to act as promoter of a reclamation project concerning the storage of agricultural digestates, the third person is responsible for the application of the provisions set out in this Chapter for the activity for which the third person's services are required.

101.3. The agricultural digestates covered by this Chapter are FRMs that meet the following characteristics:

(1) the inputs consist exclusively of the following materials:

(*a*) for at least 50% of the total volume, livestock waste and organic residue from the cultivation of plants or whole plants;

(*b*) for not more than 50% of the total volume, the following agri-food organic materials, classed C1 and E1:

i. the inputs in paragraphs *a*, *c* to *f*, *l* and *t* in list 1.1 of Schedule II and those in paragraph *q* of that list that are not livestock waste within the meaning of the Agricultural Operations Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 26);

ii. the inputs in paragraphs *m*, *n* and *v* in list 1.1 of Schedule II, pasteurized at 70 °C during 60 minutes or classed P1, the pasteurization or classification may be made exclusively on the input or on the digestate including the input;

(2) the inputs are free of the following materials:

(*a*) inedible meat defined in section 7.1.1 of the Regulation respecting food (chapter P-29, r. 1);

(*b*) municipal biosolids and any other material that may be contaminated by human waste;

(*c*) packaged agri-food waste and waste having been unpacked;

(*d*) post-consumer food waste;

(*e*) the residues in list 1.2 of Schedule II;

(*f*) the FRMs in list 2 of Schedule II;

(3) the digestates have been the subject of the analyses required under Table 8 of Schedule I by the generator, according to the frequency in Table 9 of that Schedule, using samples compliant with the requirements in section 21 and the results of the analyses are entered in the register referred to in section 22;

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(4) the digestates come from a biomethanization process making it possible to reach a temperature of 35 °C for 20 consecutive days or a biomethanization process established by an engineer making it possible to ensure a reduction of 50% of the volatile solids in the digestate;

(5) the digestates are classed E1 by the generator;

(6) the digestates are classed for odours, but are not OC.

101.4. A generator of agricultural digestates must produce for the digestates the description sheet referred to in section 32 and furnish a copy to the operator or, if applicable, to the project promoter.

Compliance of the description sheet with section 32 must be confirmed by an agrologist who must be a person other than the person who signed the sampling verification report referred to in section 25 for agricultural digestates.

The generator of the agricultural digestates must keep for a minimum period of 5 years all the information and documents used to produce the sheet referred to in the first paragraph.

The information and documents must be furnished to the Minister on request, within the time specified by the Minister.

101.5. Agricultural digestates must be stored in accordance with the requirements applicable to livestock waste under the Agro-Environmental Practices Regulation published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2025.

The agricultural digestates stored in field piles must have a dryness value of at least 20% or, if they have a dryness value greater than 15%, but less than 20%, meet the conditions set out in the second paragraph of section 52.

The operator must enter in a register the information referred to in section 41 relating to the storage of agricultural digestates.

101.6. Field storage of agricultural digestates must take place at the minimum distances prescribed by subparagraphs 1 and 3 of the first paragraph of section 37 and, if applicable, section 38.

101.7. The spreading of agricultural digestates must take place in accordance with the standards for the spreading of livestock waste and fertilizers in the Agro-Environmental Practices Regulation published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2025.

The spreading must have been the subject of the recommendation referred to in section 61, in accordance with section 64.

101.8. The spreading of agricultural digestates must take place at the minimum distances prescribed by sections 78 to 80.

CHAPTER VI.2
TOPSOIL

DIVISION I
GENERAL

101.9. The topsoil covered by this Chapter is substrates produced by blending one or more FRMs with other materials, including soils, peat, coconut fibre, natural or synthetic mineral liming materials or fertilizers, added for their fertilizing or structuring capacity and constituting an environment suitable for plant growth.

Excavated soils, amended by FRMs then put back in place, or soils in place amended by FRMs are not considered topsoil.

101.10. This Chapter applies to topsoil consisting of FRMs and one or more of the following materials:

(1) all-purpose materials consisting of FRMs;

(2) restricted-use materials, that is, consisting of FRMs and soils complying with the limit values set in Schedule I to the Land Protection and Rehabilitation Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 37).

101.11. Topsoil must meet the following conditions:

(1) it consists exclusively of one or more FRMs referred to in subparagraphs 1 to 6, 10, 11, 13, 17 and 19 to 21 of the first paragraph of section 4;

(2) the FRMs used as input are classed P1 and O1 or, in the case of FRMs certified as compliant with a BNQ standard, they are classed O1;

(3) if composts that are not certified as compliant with CAN/BNQ 0413-200 “Organic Soil Conditioners – Composts” are used, the materials consist exclusively of inputs that comply with lists 1.1 and 1.2 of Schedule II;

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(4) the topsoil is free of the following materials and of any material from those materials:

(*a*) a residue in Table 10 that is OC for the organic chemical parameters according to Table 11 of Schedule I;

(*b*) viable parts of invasive exotic species that are likely to be propagated by the use of the topsoil;

(*c*) varnished, painted, stained or treated wood, engineered wood or oriented strandboard, plywood or particleboard, or a material generated by the combustion of those types of wood;

(*d*) a material from the sorting of renovation, construction or demolition waste, except gypsum;

(*e*) a FRM contaminated by hydrocarbons;

(*f*) a residual material manufactured using the carcasses of mammals or poultry;

(*g*) human fecal matters, livestock waste and non-agricultural waste, except

i. treated and dehydrated chicken manure;

ii. waste from insect farming where the insects are fed by inputs complying with lists 1.1 and 1.2 of Schedule II; and

iii. a livestock waste or non-agricultural waste compost;

(5) it is produced by a topsoil manufacturing facility authorized under section 22 of the Act.

Subparagraph *c* of subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph does not apply to the FRMs referred to in item *g* within the scope of BNQ 0419-090 "Inorganic Soil Conditioners – Liming Materials from Industrial Processes" (2021).

Subparagraph *f* of subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph does not apply to rendering products, such as blood meal, bone powder or feathers, and to materials from the treatment of food waste from the preparation, consumption and distribution of food and beverages.

101.12. The generator of all-purpose topsoil consisting of FRMS or restricted-use topsoil must produce a description sheet of the topsoil including

(1) the type of topsoil;

(2) the contact information for the manufacturing facility authorized under section 22 of the Act where the topsoil is manufactured;

(3) the quality of the soils and the type of FRMs used as inputs; and

(4) the confirmation that the topsoil meets the conditions set out in section 101.11 and Division II of this Chapter for all-purpose topsoil and Division III for restricted-use topsoil.

The topsoil generator must furnish a copy of the sheet, signed and dated, to every person to whom the topsoil is distributed.

The sheet must be kept up to date and kept by the topsoil generator for a minimum period of 5 years and be furnished to the Minister on request, within the time specified by the Minister.

DIVISION II
ALL-PURPOSE TOPSOIL CONSISTING OF FRMS

101.13. All-purpose topsoil consisting of FRMs must also meet the following conditions:

(1) the soil used as an input does not contain contaminants from human activity, including metals or metalloids, monocyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (MAHs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) or petroleum hydrocarbons (C_{10}-C_{50});

(2) when the FRMs used as inputs appear in list 2 of Schedule II, they are classed I1 for the preventive investigative parameters;

(3) it complies with the maximum contents in Table 15 of Schedule I for the chemical, microbiological and foreign matter parameters.

101.14. In addition to the materials referred to in subparagraphs i to iii of subparagraph *g* of subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph of section 101.11, FRMs certified as compliant with a BNQ standard are also covered by the exception provided for in subparagraph *g*.

101.15. All-purpose topsoil consisting of FRMs must be characterized by its generator in accordance with Table 16 of Schedule I, based on the tonnes produced annually, for each type of topsoil.

101.16. When the total production of all-purpose topsoil consisting of FRMs is equal to or greater than 5,000 dry tonnes per calendar year, the generator of the

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topsoil must give a mandate to a person accredited or certified by the Minister under section 118.6 of the Act for the sector and type of production, in order to take a sample of the topsoil and verify compliance with the criteria in Table 15 of Schedule I for the chemical, microbiological and foreign matter parameters.

In the case of a facility whose total production of all-purpose topsoil is equal to or greater than 5,000 dry tonnes per calendar year, for which each type of topsoil produced individually is less than 5,000 dry tonnes per calendar year, the sampling must be conducted on the type of all-purpose topsoil produced in greater quantities.

101.17. The only residual materials that may be used for the production of all-purpose topsoil consisting of wood waste or compost are

(1) wood shavings, sawdust, bark or wood chips from pruning activity by the generator;

(2) a compost produced in accordance with section 265 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1);

(3) a compost produced in accordance with section 254.1 or 279 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, if the topsoil is intended for the exclusive use of the generator or is classed P1;

(4) a compost from a composting facility authorized under section 22 of the Act and meeting the following conditions:

(*a*) the compost is classed P1 and O1 by its generator and is not OC for the other parameters;

(*b*) when the compost appears in list 2 of Schedule II, it is classed I1 for the preventive investigative parameters;

(*c*) the compost consists exclusively of inputs complying with lists 1.1 and 1.2 of Schedule II; and

(5) a compost certified as compliant with CAN/BNQ 0413-200 "Organic Soil Conditioners – Composts" and, when it appears in list 2 of Schedule II, the compost is classed I1.

DIVISION III
RESTRICTED-USE TOPSOIL

101.18. Restricted-use topsoil must also meet the following conditions:

(1) the FRMs used as input are classed E1;

(2) when the FRMs used as inputs appear in list 2 of Schedule II, they are not OC for the preventive investigative parameters;

(3) when FRMs classed I2 are used as inputs, the total mass of FRMs in list 2 of Schedule II does not exceed 5% of the dry mass of the topsoil;

(4) the soil used as input complies with the limit values set in Schedule I to the Land Protection and Rehabilitation Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 37).

101.19. In addition to the materials referred to in subparagraphs i to iii of subparagraph *g* of subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph of section 101.11, the following materials are also covered by the exception provided for in subparagraph *g*:

(1) a compost certified as compliant with a BNQ standard and classed AA or A according to the standard for the foreign matter content;

(2) a dry municipal biosolid.".

8. Section 102 is amended by inserting the following after paragraph 42:

"(42.1) to furnish a copy of the description sheet of the agricultural digestates in accordance with the first paragraph of section 101.4;

(42.2) to keep the information and documents referred to in the third paragraph of section 101.4 for the period provided for therein or to furnish them to the Minister in accordance with the fourth paragraph of that section;

(42.3) to furnish a copy of the topsoil description sheet referred to in the first paragraph of section 101.12 to every person to whom the topsoil is distributed in accordance with the second paragraph of that section;

(42.4) to keep the topsoil description sheet for the period provided for in the third paragraph of section 101.12 or to furnish it to the Minister in accordance with that paragraph;".

9. Section 103 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"(16) to enter in a register the information relating to the storage of agricultural digestates in accordance with the third paragraph of section 101.5.".

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10. Section 104 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"(29) to produce an agricultural digestate description sheet in accordance with the first paragraph of section 101.4;

(30) to have confirmed the compliance of the description sheet of the agricultural digestates in accordance with the second paragraph of section 101.4;

(31) to have a recommendation for the spreading of agricultural digestates in accordance with the second paragraph of section 101.7;

(32) to produce a description sheet of a topsoil in accordance with the first paragraph of section 101.12;

(33) to keep up to date the description sheet of a topsoil in accordance with the third paragraph of section 101.12;

(34) to characterize all-purpose topsoil consisting of FRMs in accordance with section 101.15.".

11. Section 105 is amended

(1) by adding "or, as the case may be, to meet the other conditions set out in that section" at the end of paragraph 9;

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"(19) to give a mandate to a person referred to in the first paragraph of section 101.16 in order to perform the sampling and verification in accordance with that paragraph.".

12. Section 106 is amended by inserting the following after paragraph 14:

"(14.1) to store agricultural digestates in field piles at the minimum distances referred to in section 101.6;

(14.2) to spread agricultural digestates at the minimum distances referred to in section 101.8;

(14.3) to use for the production of all-purpose topsoil consisting of wood waste or compost only the residual materials referred to in section 101.17;".

13. Section 107 is amended by inserting the following after paragraph 13:

"(13.1) stores agricultural digestates in contravention of the conditions set out in the second paragraph of section 101.5;".

14. Section 109 is amended by replacing "or the second paragraph of section 101" by ", the second paragraph of section 101, the first, third or fourth paragraph of section 101.4, the second paragraph of section 101.12 or the third paragraph of that section in respect of the period for which the description sheet must be kept and the requirement to furnish the sheet to the Minister".

15. Section 110 is amended by replacing "or the first paragraph of section 98 as it pertains to the content of the notice" by ", the first paragraph of section 98 in respect of the content of the notice or the third paragraph of section 101.5".

16. Section 111 is amended by replacing "or the first paragraph of section 95 or 101" by ", the first paragraph of section 95 or 101, the first or second paragraph of section 101.4, the second paragraph of section 101.7, the first paragraph of section 101.12 or the third paragraph of that section in respect of the requirement to keep the sheet up to date or section 101.15".

17. Section 112 is amended

(1) by inserting "to perform the sampling and verification provided for in section 23," after "section 24";

(2) by inserting "or 101.16" after "section 99".

18. Section 113 is amended by inserting ", 101.6, 101.8, 101.17" after "87".

19. Section 114 is amended

(1) by replacing "25,000" by "24,000";

(2) by inserting ", the second paragraph of section 101.5" after "or 100".

20. Schedule I, amended by section 20 of the Regulation to amend the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2026, is further amended

(1) in the column "Types of FRMs" in Table 4,

(*a*) by replacing "paragraph *f*" in paragraph *h* of Class O2 by "paragraph *e*";

(*b*) by adding the following at the end of Class O3:

"(*j*) Leachates from a composting facility.";

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(2) by adding the following at the end:

"Table 15. Maximum contents authorized for the chemical, microbiological and foreign matter parameters for all-purpose topsoil

Chemical parameters		
Chemical contaminants (Dry matter)	Maximum contents (Total analysis)	Maximum contents (Mehlich-3)
Arsenic (mg/kg)	12	-
Cadmium (mg/kg)	2.0	0.24
Chromium (mg/kg)	99	0.75
Cobalt (mg/kg)	29	1.2
Copper (mg/kg)	100	-
Mercury (mg/kg)	0.4	-
Molybdenum (mg/kg)	5	-
Nickel (mg/kg)	52	2.1
Lead (mg/kg)	70	5.7
Selenium (mg/kg)	1.4	-
Zinc (mg/kg)	200	14
Dioxins and furans (ng/kg)[1]	8	-
Microbiological parameters		
Salmonella	Salmonella not detected in at least 2 out of 3 subsamples	
Biological stability[2]	Compliance with one of the maturity and stability requirements in criteria P1 for composts in Table 3 of Schedule I	
Foreign matters		
Foreign matters having a length greater than 25 mm and a width greater than 3 mm	≤ 1 per 500 ml	
Sharp foreign matters (having a size greater than 5 mm)	0 per 500 ml	
Total foreign matters (greater than 2 mm)	0.25% dry mass	

1. Parameters required only if one of the topsoil inputs contains more than 17 ng TEQ/kg on a dry basis of dioxins and furans.

2. Parameters required exclusively for topsoil using a FRM referred to in paragraphs 2, 10 and 11 and non-wood waste referred to in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 4.

Table 16. Minimum number of samples of all-purpose topsoil to be taken and analyzed pursuant to section 101.15

Total quantity produced per calendar year, per formulation of topsoil (dry tonnes)	Minimum number of composite samples according to the nature of the parameter to be analyzed	
	Dioxins and furans and foreign matters[1]	Other parameters
0 to 300	1	1
301 to 1,500	1	2
1,501 to 3,500	1	3
3,501 to 7,000	2	4
7,001 to 10,500	2	5
10,501 to 15,000	3	6
More than 15,000	+ 1 for each additional 15,000 tonnes	+ 1 for each additional 7,500 tonnes

1. The number of dioxin and furan analyses may be reduced to only one analysis every 12 months if, during a 36-month period, all the results of the analyses of the topsoil during that period are always lower than the maximum contents in Table 15.".

21. Schedule III is amended in the part concerning the composition of the panel by replacing subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph by the following:

"(1) 5 independent agrologists, not related to the person responsible for the test, or in the employ of a public interest organization;".

22. This Regulation comes into force on (*insert the date that is 15 days after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec*), except sections 4, 5 and 6, which come into force on (*insert the date that is 180 days after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec*).

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Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Flood protection works
— Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Flood Protection Works Regulation, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation specifies that a recurrence interval level must be associated to the actual protection level of a flood protection works.

The draft Regulation also specifies that it is exclusively in the case of the siting, reconstruction, raising or extension of a flood protection works that it is required, for the work to be permitted, that there be no other appropriate way to ensure protection of persons and property.

The draft Regulation specifies that, when restoration is required, revegetation of wetlands and bodies of water must also be carried out in dewatered zones and the survival rate of sphagnum, if applicable, must be 80% in the third year following revegetation.

Lastly, the draft Regulation strikes out the requirement for a municipality that makes a by-law relating to the width of a flood protection works to update certain documents regarding the works and send a copy to the Minister.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Maude Durand, Director, Bureau de stratégie législative et réglementaire, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29e étage, boîte 14, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7; email: question.bslr@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Maude Durand at the above contact information.

BENOIT CHARETTE
Acting Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks

Regulation to amend the Flood Protection Works Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, s. 46.0.22, pars. 10 and 15, and s. 95, par. 9)

1. The Flood Protection Works Regulation, made by Order in Council 723-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended in section 2 by replacing "may be associated" in the definition of "actual protection level" by "is associated".

2. Section 32 is amended by inserting "in the case of the siting, reconstruction, raising or extension of a flood protection works," at the beginning of paragraph 2.

3. Section 40 is amended by striking out "in a dewatered zone," in subparagraph *b* of paragraph 3.

4. Section 42 is amended by inserting ", or in the third year in the case of sphagnum" after "revegetation" in paragraph 2.

5. The heading of subdivision 4 of Division II of Chapter IV is replaced by the following:

"**DIVISION III**
SENDING OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS".

6. Section 88 is amended by striking out the second paragraph.

7. This Regulation comes into force on (*insert the date that is 15 days after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec*), except section 3, which comes into force on (*insert the date that is 180 days after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec*).

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Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Landfilling and incineration of residual materials — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the landfilling and incineration of residual materials, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation amends the Regulation respecting the landfilling and incineration of residual materials (chapter Q-2, r. 19) by providing that carcasses or parts of marine animals washed up on the beaches or in the littoral zones of municipalities that have no access by road, with no boat service connection, to an authorized landfill may be landfilled elsewhere than in engineered landfills.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Maude Durand, Director, Bureau de stratégie législative et réglementaire, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29e étage, boîte 14, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7; email: question.bslr@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Maude Durand at the above contact information.

BENOIT CHARETTE
Acting Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the landfilling and incineration of residual materials

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, s. 70, pars. 1 and 2).

1. The Regulation respecting the landfilling and incineration of residual materials (chapter Q-2, r. 19) is amended by adding the following at the end of the first paragraph of section 6:

"(5) carcasses or parts of marine animals washed up on the beaches or in the littoral zones of municipalities that have no access by road, with no boat service connection, to an authorized landfill.".

2. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

Act respecting occupational health and safety
(chapter S-2.1)

Occupational health and safety
— Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting occupational health and safety, appearing below, may be made by the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail and submitted to the Government for approval, in accordance with section 224 of the Act respecting occupational health and safety (chapter S-2.1), on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation determines the cases in which and the conditions on which an employer must draw up and update a register of contaminants and dangerous substances in accordance with section 52 of the Act respecting occupational health and safety. The draft Regulation also determines the content of the register and the manner in which it must be sent.

Study of the matter has shown that the amendments proposed by the draft Regulation should not give rise to additional costs for enterprises.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Charles Labrecque, Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail, 1199, rue De Bleury, Montréal (Québec) H3B 3J1; email: charles.labrecque@cnesst.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Mohamed Aiyar, vice president, prévention, Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail, 1600, avenue d'Estimauville, 7e étage, Québec (Québec) G1J 0H7; email: mohamed.aiyar@cnesst.gouv.qc.ca.

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Acting secretary general, Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting occupational health and safety

Act respecting occupational health and safety
(chapter S-2.1, s. 223, 1st par., subpars. 10 and 40.1).

1. The Regulation respecting occupational health and safety (chapter S-2.1, r. 13) is amended in section 1 by inserting the following definitions in alphabetical order:

""CAS Registry Number" means the number assigned by the Chemical Abstracts Service, a division of the American Chemical Society, in order to index a substance;

"hazardous product" means a hazardous product within the meaning of the Hazardous Products Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. H-3) that is classified in one of the categories or subcategories of hazard classes, in accordance with the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17);".

2. Section 71 is amended by striking out the first paragraph.

3. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 100:

"**DIVISION X.I**
REGISTER OF CONTAMINANTS AND DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

100.1. Register: The employer must draw up a register of contaminants and dangerous substances in accordance with section 52 of the Act respecting occupational health and safety (chapter S-2.1) in the following cases:

(1) on being required to furnish or on foreseeing, over the next 3 years, that it will be required to furnish a worker exposed to a contaminant in the employer's establishment with a respirator pursuant to paragraph 3 of section 45;

(2) on the presence in its establishment of a quantity of a hazardous product that exceeds the threshold in the following table according to the category or subcategory of that product's hazard class or on foreseeing, over the next 3 years, that such a quantity will be present in its establishment:

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Hazard classes	Categories and subcategories	Thresholds
Carcinogenicity	Categories 1A and 1B	10,000 kg or l
Skin corrosion/irritation	Categories 1A, 1B and 1C	10,000 kg or l
Oxidizing gases	Category 1	10,000 kg
Inflammable gases	Category 1A, Category 1A inflammable gas,	
	A Category 1A chemically unstable gas,	
	B Category 1A chemically unstable gas,	
	Category 1B pyrophoric gas	10,000 kg
Oxidizing liquids	Category 1	10,000 l
Inflammable liquids	Categories 1 and 2	10,000 l
Pyrophoric liquids	Category 1	10,000 l
Self-reactive substances and mixtures	Type A	1,000 kg or l
	Type B	10,000 kg or l
Substances and mixtures which, in contact with water, emit inflammable gases	Categories 1 and 2	10,000 kg or l
Oxidizing solids	Category 1	10,000 kg
Pyrophoric solids	Category 1	10,000 kg
Organic peroxides	Type A	1,000 kg or l
	Type B	10,000 kg or l
Combustible dusts	Category 1	10,000 kg
Acute toxicity (by skin contact)	Category 1	10,000 kg or l
Acute toxicity (if inhaled)	Categories 1 and 2	10,000 kg or l
Acute toxicity (if swallowed)	Category 1	10,000 kg or l
Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure	Category 1	10,000 kg or l

100.2. Update of the register: The register must be updated every 3 years.

The register must also be updated within 30 days of the date on which a modification causes a contaminant or a hazardous product to be covered or cease to be covered in section 100.1, or within 30 days of the date on which an exemption referred to in the second paragraph of section 100.3 becomes applicable or ceases to be applicable.

100.3. Content of the register: The register must contain the information below.

(1) in the case of a contaminant:

(*a*) the CAS Registry Number or, if unavailable, the name of the contaminant;

(*b*) the task or activity carried out by the workers exposed to the contaminant, whether that task or activity was carried out at a stationary work station or a non-stationary work station and the number of workers who carry out such a task or activity;

(*c*) whether or not an air sample was taken;

(*d*) the type of respirator that the employer furnishes or foresees that it will furnish to a worker over the next 3 years and the respirator's mode of operation; and

(*e*) if applicable, the other preventive measures put in place by the employer;

(2) in the case of a hazardous product:

(*a*) the chemical name and, where available, the CAS Registry Number of the material or substance, or of each ingredient composing the hazardous product if the latter is a mixture;

(*b*) the identifier of the hazardous product if the latter is a mixture, that is, its brand name or its common, commercial or generic name;

(*c*) the concentration or concentration range of each ingredient composing the hazardous product if the latter is a mixture;

(*d*) the category or subcategory of the hazard classes of the hazardous product;

(*e*) the largest quantity of the hazardous product that the employer foresees it will have in its establishment over the next 3 years; and

(*f*) the storage location of the hazardous product.

However, the employer is not required to indicate the information provided for in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph if that information is the subject of an exemption under the Hazardous Materials Information Review Act (R.S.C. 1985, c. 24 (3rd Supp.), Part III). In such a case, the register must contain the registration number of the claim for exemption and the identifier of the ingredient or hazardous product that is the object of the claim.

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100.4. Electronic system: The employer must draw up the register and keep it updated using the electronic system put in place by the Commission. The employer must also send the register and its updates to the Commission using that system.

100.5. Conservation of the register: The employer must keep an updated copy of the register in a location that ensures the preservation of the document and that can be easily accessed from outside the establishment for emergency services.

100.6. Exemptions: This section does not apply to:

(1) a petroleum product within the meaning of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1) that is to be used, stored or distributed by a petroleum equipment installation for which a permit has been issued under that Act;

(2) a consumer product within the meaning of section 2 of the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (S.C. 2010, c. 21);

(3) a hazardous residual material for which a register is mandatory under section 70.6 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2);

(4) a hazardous product in transit.

For the purposes of subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph, "transit" means the transportation, loading, unloading, packaging, unpackaging, stocking and storage of a hazardous product between the initial loading point and the final destination.".

4. Schedule I to the Regulation is amended by striking out the definition of "CAS".

5. This Regulation comes into force on (*insert the date occurring 6 months after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec*).

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Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Act respecting certain measures enabling the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation
(chapter M-11.6)

Reclamation of residual materials — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation makes consequential amendments to the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials (chapter Q-2, r. 49) to take into account certain amendments proposed by the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*, as regards in particular the reclamation of street-cleaning residue, the shredding of tires and the reclamation of residual crushed stone to make certain distance standards applicable to the carrying out of the activities eligible for a declaration of compliance or exempted from authorization, noise standards, the keeping of registers and rules for the characterization of residual materials.

It also proposes clarifications respecting laboratories that may analyze samples taken for the characterization of residual granular materials. It sets out rules applicable to the characterization of certain residual granular materials, in particular to reclassify contaminated residual crushed stone and new uses to which residual granular materials may be subject. Lastly, it proposes amendments to the maximum concentrations of certain parameters to be analyzed and the removal of the method for determining impurities content.

The amendments proposed to the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials for residual granular materials producers, such as the increase in the maximum volumes eligible for the declaration of compliance and the exemption would make it possible to save a maximum of 13.3 million dollars in elimination costs and costs for the purchase of virgin materials. The inclusion of street-cleaning residue to the materials covered by the Regulation would result in a maximum gain of 10.7 million dollars for street cleaning enterprises and municipalities by diverting about 72,000 tonnes from elimination. The extension of the exemption from characterization of residual granular materials from road infrastructures, even in the presence of certain contaminated soils would result in annual savings of about $34,100 for construction enterprises. Along with the amendments proposed by the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*, the draft Regulation would result in a total net saving of 24.0 million dollars.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Maude Durand, Director, Bureau de stratégie législative et réglementaire, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29e étage, boîte 14, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7; email: question.bslr@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Maude Durand at the above contact information.

BENOIT CHARETTE
Acting Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, s. 53.30, 1st par., subpars. 4 and 5, and s. 95.1, 1st par., subpars. 3 and 20).

Act respecting certain measures enabling the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation
(chapter M-11.6, s. 30, 1st par., and s. 45, 1st par.).

1. The Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials (chapter Q-2, r. 49) is amended in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 5

(1) by striking out "254.1,";

(2) by inserting "270.1, made by section 97 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*," after "269,";

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(3) by inserting "281.1, made by section 105 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*," after "281,".

2. Section 6 is amended

(1) by inserting "or the second paragraph of section 291, amended by section 120 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*," after "283" in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph,

(2) by inserting "or the second paragraph of section 291," after "283" in the second paragraph;

(3) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"The first paragraph does not apply when the activity is carried out in a sand pit or quarry covered by the Regulation respecting sand pits and quarries (chapter Q-2, r. 7.1).".

3. Section 8 is amended in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph

(1) by replacing "276 or 277 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1)" by "268.1, 276, 277, 282, 285 or 287 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1), amended by the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*,";

(2) by inserting "cutting, shredding," after "screening,";

(3) by inserting "or 270.1, made by section 98 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*," after "269".

4. Section 9 is amended

(1) by inserting ", 270.1, made by section 98 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*," after "269" in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph;

(2) by inserting the following after the first paragraph:

"Every person who carries out a category 4 crushed stone reclamation activity under section 284 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, amended by section 108 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*, elsewhere than on land where it was excavated and for the use referred to in subparagraph *a* of paragraph 3 of category 4 in the table in section 26 of this Regulation, must keep a daily log containing the following information:

(1) the nature and contaminant concentration in the crushed stone;

(2) the site where the crushed stone is reclaimed;

(3) the nature and contaminant concentration present in the receiving land at the reclamation site.".

5. Section 13 is amended by inserting "or 279.2" after "279" in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph.

6. The heading of Chapter III is amended by replacing "FROM CONSTRUCTION OR DEMOLITION WORK" by "AS RESIDUAL GRANULAR MATERIALS".

7. Section 14 is amended

(1) by striking out the first paragraph;

(2) in the second paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing the portion before subparagraph 1 by the following:

"This Chapter prescribes the standards applicable to the reclamation, as residual granular materials, in accordance with the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1), of the following residual materials:";

(*b*) by adding the following at the end of the second paragraph:

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"(8) street-cleaning residue from spring-time cleaning operations.".

8. Section 18 is amended by replacing "112" in paragraph 2 by "125".

9. Section 19, amended by section 3 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2026, is further amended in the second paragraph

(1) by replacing subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 4 by the following:

"(*a*) the area of the land where the work relating to the infrastructures is carried out contains no contaminated soils whose concentration is greater than the limit values in Schedule II to the Land Protection and Rehabilitation Regulation, or contaminated materials;";

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"(5) the materials are street-cleaning residue of a municipality of less than 5,000 inhabitants and are intended to be reused as road abrasives.".

10. Section 21 is amended by adding the following at the end of the first paragraph:

"(3) the residual materials are street-cleaning residue.".

11. Section 22 is amended

(1) by inserting "or are street-cleaning residue" after "visible impurities";

(2) by striking out "in accordance with the method prescribed by Schedule II".

12. Section 25 is amended

(1) by replacing the first paragraph by the following:

"The samples taken under this Regulation must be analyzed by one of the following laboratories, in the order indicated, according to whether they are present in Québec or not:

(1) a laboratory accredited by the Minister under section 118.6 of the Act;

(2) a laboratory accredited according to ISO/IEC 17025, General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories, which is published jointly by the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission;

(3) a laboratory accredited by the Minister under section 118.6 of the Act for the analysis of similar parameters.";

(2) by replacing "substances" in the second paragraph by "parameters".

13. Section 26 is amended in the Table

(1) by adding ", except asphalt" at the end of the second and third columns of the second line of case 2 of category 2;

(2) by adding "in the case of the residual granular material reclaimed on the land where it was excavated," at the beginning of paragraph 2 of category 4;

(3) by adding the following after paragraph 2 of category 4:

"(3) in the case of the residual granular material reclaimed elsewhere than on the land where it was excavated by the same operator on land owned by the operator, the material is exclusively residual crushed stone and, as the case may be,

(*a*) for the type of use "Construction on institutional, commercial or industrial land, including municipal land" in the table in section 27, it has a contaminant concentration lower than or equal to the limit values in Schedule I to the Land Protection and Rehabilitation Regulation for land on which, under a municipal zoning by-law, industrial, commercial or institutional uses are authorized, except

i. land where totally or partially residential buildings are built; and

ii. land where elementary-level or secondary-level educational institutions, childcare centres, day care centres, hospital centres, residential and long-term care centres, rehabilitation centres, child and youth protection centres, or correctional facilities are built;

(*b*) for the types of use "Construction or repair of highways and streets, including those in residential, municipal and agricultural sectors" in the table in section 27 that are authorized for category 4, it has a contaminant concentration lower than or equal to the limit values in Schedule II to the Land Protection and Rehabilitation Regulation for land constituting, or intended to constitute, the site of a roadway within the meaning of the Highway Safety Code.".

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14. The following is inserted after section 26:

"**26.1.** A reclassification may be carried out for residual crushed stone that does not meet the conditions to be classified in accordance with section 26 and that is therefore out of category within the meaning of this Regulation for one of the following reasons:

(1) the level of metals, metalloids and other inorganic parameters listed in Table 1 of Schedule I is greater than the maximum level in the third column of the table;

(2) when the residual crushed stone is submitted to leaching tests in accordance with section 24, the level of metals, metalloids and other inorganic parameters in the leachate is greater than the maximum level in the fourth column of Table 1 of Schedule I;

(3) the level of petroleum hydrocarbons C_{10}-C_{50} is greater than the maximum level allowed, by reason of the use of a synthetic dust control product compliant with BNQ 2410-300, when the synthetic dust control product is used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

To be reclassified, the residual crushed stone must be submitted to the following toxicity tests:

(1) a terrestrial toxicity test on the vegetation;

(2) an acute aquatic toxicity test on *Daphnia magna*.

Depending on the results of the tests performed in accordance with the second paragraph, the residual crushed stone may be reclassified in the following manner:

(1) to be reclassified category 1, the results of the terrestrial and aquatic toxicity tests on the undiluted sample must be lower than 20%;

(2) to be reclassified category 2, the results of the terrestrial and aquatic toxicity tests on the undiluted sample must be lower than 40%;

(3) to be reclassified category 3, the results of the terrestrial and aquatic toxicity tests on the undiluted sample must be lower than or equal to 50%.

26.2. A reclassification may be carried out for the asphalt that does not meet the conditions to be classified in accordance with section 26 and is therefore out of category within the meaning of this Regulation for one of the following reasons:

(1) the level of metals, metalloids and other inorganic parameters listed in Table 1 of Schedule I is greater than the maximum level in the third column of the table;

(2) when the asphalt is submitted to leaching tests in accordance with section 24, the level of metals, metalloids and other inorganic parameters in the leachate is greater than the maximum level in the fourth column of Table 1 of Schedule I.

To be reclassified, the asphalt must be submitted to the following aquatic toxicity tests:

(1) an acute toxicity test on *Daphnia magna*;

(2) a test for determining the toxicity and growth inhibition using *Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata* algae.

Depending on the results of the tests performed in accordance with the second paragraph, the asphalt may be reclassified Category 3 when the toxicity of the leachate produced by the asphalt does not exceed 1 acute toxic unit (TUa) for daphnia, which is equal to 50% or less mortality rate. In addition, the algal growth inhibition must not exceed 25%.".

15. Section 27 is amended in the table

(1) by adding "and street-cleaning residue" after "only" in the type of use "Road abrasives – crushed stone and cuttings and tailings from the dimension stone sector only" of the section "Miscellaneous activities";

(2) by inserting the following line after the type of use "Road abrasives – crushed stone and cuttings and tailings from the dimension stone sector only" of the section "Miscellaneous activities":

"

Manufacturing of granular materials compliant with BNQ 2560-114 – crushed stone and cuttings and tailings from the dimension stone sector only	X

";

(3) by inserting "non-asphalted" before "bicycle path" in the type of use "Recreation and tourism facilities (bicycle path, park, etc.)" of the section "Miscellaneous activities";

(4) by inserting the following line after the type of use "Recreation and tourism facilities (bicycle path, park, etc.)" of the section "Miscellaneous activities":

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“

Asphalted bicycle path	X	X	X	X

”;

(5) by adding “X” in the column of category 3 of the types of use “Noise-abatement embankment and visual screen” and “Construction and rehabilitation of a snow disposal site” of the section “Miscellaneous activities”;

(6) by adding “manufacturing” at the end in the type of use “Hot-mix or cold-mix asphalt” of the section “Miscellaneous activities”;

(7) by adding the following at the end:

“

Improved infrastructure within the meaning of BNQ 2560-114	X	X	X	X
Backfill closure within the meaning of BNQ 2560-114	X	X	X	X
Construction or repairing infrastructures of the energy sector				
Storage area, transformation station yard structure and temporary work area on residential or agricultural land, on the land of an elementary-level or secondary-level educational institution, a childcare centre or a day care centre	X			X
Storage area, transformation station yard structure and temporary work area on industrial land	X	X	X	X
Storage area, transformation station yard structure and temporary work area on institutional, commercial or industrial land, including municipal land	X	X		X
Bedding, surrounding soil and backfilling of cable trenches on residential or agricultural land, an elementary-level or secondary-level educational institution, a childcare centre or a day care centre	X			
Bedding, surrounding soil and backfilling of cable trenches on institutional, commercial or industrial land, including municipal land	X	X	X	X

”.

16. Section 28 is amended

(1) by replacing “the second paragraph of section 9, 11, 12 or 13” and “that paragraph” in paragraph 4 by, respectively, “the third paragraph of section 9 or the second paragraph of section 11, 12 or 13” and “those paragraphs”;

(2) by inserting the following after paragraph 4:

“(4.1) to have the samples taken under this Regulation analyzed by an accredited laboratory in accordance with section 25”.

17. Section 31 is amended by replacing “the second paragraph of section 9, section 10, the second paragraph of any of sections 11 to 13.1 or section 25.1” by “any of sections 9 to 13.1 or section 25 or 25.1”.

18. Schedule I is amended

(1) in Table 1,

(*a*) by replacing “0.05” in the fourth column in the line of parameter “Manganese (Mn)” by “0.05[4]”;

(*b*) by adding the following footnote:

“4. Leaching to simulate acid rain and water leaching only for the parameter.”;

(2) in Table 2 by replacing

(*a*) “0.1” wherever appearing in the lines respecting parameters “Butylbenzylphtalate”, “Dimethylphtalate” and “Di-n-octylphtalate” by “0.2”;

(*b*) “0.1” wherever appearing in the lines respecting parameters “Bis (2-Ethylhexyl) phtalate”, “Diethylphtalate” and “Di-n-butylphtalate” by “0.5”.

19. Schedule II is revoked.

20. This Regulation comes into force on (*insert the date that is 15 days after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec*), except section 1 and paragraph 1 of section 3, which come into force on (*insert the date that is 180 days after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec*).

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Draft Regulation

Act to facilitate the trade of goods and the mobility of labour from the other provinces and the territories of Canada
(chapter C-30.1)

Goods, classes of goods and requirements affecting the commercialization of goods from the other provinces and the territories of Canada

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the draft Regulation under section 2 of the Act to facilitate the trade of goods and the mobility of labour from the other provinces and the territories of Canada, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to determine the goods and classes of goods from the other provinces and the territories of Canada for which commercialization in Québec may continue to be subject to specific manufacturing, production, preparation, composition, classification, content, performance or container capacity requirements. It also establishes the requirements of that nature that remain applicable to those goods.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Marie-Andrée Marquis, Internal Trade Representative, Direction générale de la politique commerciale et des relations extérieures, Ministère de l'Économie, de l'Innovation et de l'Énergie, 710, place D'Youville, 7e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Y4, by telephone at 418 691-5698, extension 4474, or by e-mail at Marie-Andree.Marquis@economie.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Marie-Andrée Marquis at the above contact information or by sending an email to commerce.interieur@economie.gouv.qc.ca.

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Regulation under section 2 of the Act to facilitate the trade of goods and the mobility of labour from the other provinces and the territories of Canada

Act to facilitate the trade of goods and the mobility of labour from the other provinces and the territories of Canada
(chapter C-30.1, s. 2, par. 2, and s.13).

CHAPTER I
DEFINITION AND SCOPE

1. For the purposes of the Act to facilitate the trade of goods and the mobility of labour from the other provinces and the territories of Canada (chapter C-30.1), "goods" means a good classified under the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System of the World Customs Organization.

2. The phrase "without any further manufacturing, production, preparation, composition, classification, content, performance or container capacity requirement" in the first paragraph of section 2 of the Act does not operate to exclude or limit the application of an Act or any statutory instrument that governs in particular:

(1) persons and partnerships authorized to commercialize or acquire goods, in particular goods whose sale is governed by the Professional Code (chapter C 26), legislation respecting the professions, or regulations made under the Code or such legislation; and

(2) the requirement to obtain a permit, licence or another similar authorization as well as the use of goods, its labelling, installation, storage, transport, distribution or accessibility.

CHAPTER II
GOODS AND CLASSES OF EXCLUDED GOODS

3. The following goods and classes of goods are excluded from the application of the first paragraph of section 2 of the Act to facilitate the trade of goods and the mobility of labour from the other provinces and the territories of Canada (chapter C-30.1):

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(1) cannabis, including the classes of cannabis and accessories to which the Cannabis Regulation Act (chapter C-5.3) and the regulations made under that Act apply, and any object if a name, logo, distinguishing guise, design, image or slogan that is directly associated with cannabis, a brand of cannabis, the Société québécoise du cannabis or a cannabis producer appears on the object;

(2) tobacco, any product containing tobacco, electronic cigarettes and any other devices of that nature that are put to one's mouth to inhale any substance that may or may not contain nicotine, including their components and accessories, and any other product or class of product to which the Tobacco Control Act (chapter L-6.2) and the regulations made under that Act apply, and any object if a name, logo, distinguishing guise, design, image or slogan that is directly associated with tobacco, a tobacco product, a brand of tobacco product or a manufacturer of tobacco products appears on the object;

(3) alcoholic beverages referred to in paragraph 5 of section 2 of the Act respecting offences relating to alcoholic beverages (chapter I-8.1);

(4) plants grown for commercial purposes other than plants destined for reforestation;

(5) threatened or vulnerable plant species designated respectively in sections 2 and 3 of the Regulation respecting threatened or vulnerable plant species and their habitats (chapter E-12.01, r. 3) and the invasive exotic plant species listed in Schedule I to the Regulation respecting invasive exotic plant species, published as a draft Regulation in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* on 22 October 2025;

(6) plant seeds;

(7) pesticides;

(8) halocarbons;

(9) petroleum products referred to in section 2 of the Petroleum Products Act (chapter P-30.01);

(10) single-use plastics, including polystyrene;

(11) live domestic animals and other animals kept in captivity or deemed to be kept in captivity referred to respectively in the second and third paragraphs of section 1.5 of the Animal Health Protection Act (chapter P-42), fertilized eggs and ova of those animals, any part of those animals taken from a live animal and any non-domestic insect used for commercial pollination purposes;

(12) flesh of animals referred to in the first paragraph of section 1 of the Regulation respecting the sale, importation, possession and disposal of an animal or wildlife by-product (chapter C-61.1, r. 33.1), bear gall-bladders and bile as well as any fluid, excretion or secretion from a cervid and any product derived therefrom;

(13) animals kept in captivity that are carriers of or affected by a pathogen listed in Schedule 3 to the Regulation respecting animals in captivity (chapter C-61.1, r. 5.1);

(14) raw dairy products and food containing raw milk or raw cream intended for human consumption;

(15) live fish except for fish of a saltwater species, dead fish of a species listed in the first paragraph of section 30 of the Regulation respecting aquaculture and the sale of fish (chapter C 61.1, r. 7), and live or dead baitfish;

(16) houses used for bees or for non-domestic insects used for commercial pollination purposes and equipment used for apiculture or commercial pollination;

(17) air bag modules, seat belts with pretensioners, air bag and seat belt electronic control modules, and devices that simulate the presence or proper functioning of air bags and seat belts with pretensioners;

(18) radar warning devices;

(19) equipment or parts, devices and apparatus designed to increase the power or maximum speed of a moped to a level greater than that originally provided by the manufacturer;

(20) exhaust systems of maintenance vehicles and off-highway vehicles within the meaning of section 2 of the Act respecting off-highway vehicles (chapter V-1.3) and equipment aimed at or having the effect of bypassing those exhaust systems or affecting their proper functioning as well as exhaust systems of motor vehicles within the meaning of section 4 of the Highway Safety Code;

(21) devices for tampering with a pollution control system for a motor vehicle within the meaning of section 4 of the Highway Safety Code;

(22) booklets, cards and tickets to participate in a lottery scheme, tickets for a sports event within the meaning of section 1 of the Act respecting safety in recreation and sports (chapter S-3.1) as well as amusement machines and video lottery machines.

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CHAPTER III
REQUIREMENTS THAT REMAIN APPLICABLE

4. The requirements stated in Schedule I that apply to manufacturing, production, preparation, composition, classification, content, performance or container capacity remain applicable to the goods concerned that are manufactured, prepared, cultivated, raised or sold for commercial purposes in another province or a territory of Canada in compliance with the standards applicable in that province or territory.

CHAPTER IV
FINAL PROVISION

5. This Regulation comes into force on the date of coming into force of section 2 of the Act to facilitate the trade of goods and the mobility of labour from the other provinces and the territories of Canada (chapter C-30.1), except

(1) the provisions of Schedule I insofar as they apply to the continuance of the obligations of legal warranty provided for in section 38.1 of the Consumer Protection Act (chapter P-40.1), which come into force on 5 October 2026;

(2) paragraph 5 of section 3 insofar as it applies to invasive exotic plant species, which comes into force on the date of coming into force of the draft Regulation respecting invasive exotic plant species, published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 22 October 2025.

SHEDULE I
(Section 4)

REQUIREMENTS THAT REMAIN APPLICABLE

REQUIREMENTS THAT REMAIN APPLICABLE

Summary description	Reference
Regulation respecting pressure installations (chapter B-1.1, r. 6.1)	
Pressure equipment must be manufactured in accordance with CSA Standard B51, Boiler, pressure vessel and pressure piping code, published by CSA Group, except in the case of refrigeration pressure equipment, which must be manufactured in accordance with the «Mechanical Refrigeration Code».	Section 7
Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2)	
Requirement for every new road vehicle and every new power-assisted bicycle sold, offered for sale, leased, offered for lease or placed at the disposal of a person to bear the national safety mark within the meaning of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (S.C. 1993, c. 16) or the compliance label prescribed by that Act, as applicable.	Section 211.1
Requirement for every bicycle sold, offered for sale, rented or offered for rent to carry the various reflectors required pursuant to section 232 of the Highway Safety Code;	Section 233.1
Requirement for every non-motorized scooter sold, offered for sale, rented or offered for rent to carry the reflectors or reflective material referred to in section 233.2 of the Highway Safety Code;	Section 233.2
Requirement for every protective helmet for motorcyclists, moped operators and their passengers sold, offered for sale, rented or offered for rent to comply with one of the recognized standards of manufacture, sale, installation and use referred to in section 2 of the Protective Helmets Regulation (chapter C-24.2, r. 6);	Section 250.1
Requirement for every tire sold or offered for sale for use on a public highway to conform to the standards referred to in sections 120 and 159 of the Regulation respecting safety standards for road vehicles (chapter C-24.2, r. 32);	Section 271
Requirement for every electric motor sold, offered for sale, leased, offered for lease or placed at the disposal of a person for valuable consideration to transform a bicycle into a power-assisted bicycle, to meet the specifications set out in section 274.2 of the Highway Safety Code.	Section 274.2
Professional Code (chapter C-26)	
Prohibition on designing, fabricating or preparing a product if that activity is reserved to the members of a professional order under the Professional Code (chapter C-26), legislation respecting the professions or a regulation made under the Code or such legislation.	Section 37.1.
Consumer Protection Act (chapter P-40.1)	
Requirements for a merchant or manufacturer towards a consumer in respect of goods:	
—requirements relating to all legal warranties;	Sections 37, 38, 38.1, 39, 39.4, 159 and 164
—prohibition on using a technique making it more difficult for the consumer to maintain or repair goods;	Section 227.0.3

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Summary description	Reference
—prohibition on carrying on the business of trading in goods for which obsolescence is planned.	Section 227.0.4
Regulation respecting wood-burning appliances (chapter Q-2, r. 1)	
Requirements for every wood-burning appliance sold, offered for sale or distributed in Québec to comply, as concerns particles emitted into the atmosphere, with at least one of the standards referred to in section 4 of the Regulation respecting wood-burning appliances (chapter Q-2, r. 1).	Section 4
Act respecting occupational health and safety (chapter S-2.1)	
Requirement for every product manufactured, supplied, sold or leased to be safe and in conformity with the manufacturing, production, preparation, composition, classification, content, performance or container capacity standards prescribed by a regulation made under the Act respecting occupational health and safety.	Section 63
Act respecting off-highway vehicles (chapter V-1.3)	
Requirement for all off-highway vehicles, sleighs and trailers and their manufactured, sold or leased equipment to comply with the standards and specifications set out in: —sections 2, 2.0.1 and 3 of the Act respecting off-highway vehicles (chapter V-1.2), other than those relating to exhaust systems; —sections 6 to 28 of the Regulation respecting snowmobiles (chapter V-1.2, r. 1); and —section 11.2 of the Regulation respecting off-highway vehicles (chapter V-1.2, r. 5).	Section 57

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Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Regulatory measures for activities under the responsibility of municipalities carried out in bodies of water and on flood protection works — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting regulatory measures for activities under the responsibility of municipalities carried out in bodies of water and on flood protection works, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation proposes definitions for "aquatic weed cutting" and "retaining wall" that correspond to those proposed by the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

The draft Regulation also limits the use of explosives when work is carried out in wetlands and bodies of water exclusively in the cases where there are no other possible means of carrying out such work.

In addition, the draft Regulation specifies that, when restoration is required, revegetation of wetlands and bodies of water or any flood protection works must also be carried out in dewatered zones and the survival rate of sphagnum, if applicable, must be 80% in the third year following revegetation.

Lastly, the draft Regulation makes clarifications and corrections, in particular with respect to the work carried out in connection with buildings situated in a littoral zone.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Maude Durand, Director, Bureau de stratégie législative et réglementaire, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29e étage, boîte 14, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7; email: question.bslr@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Maude Durand at the above contact information.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting regulatory measures for activities under the responsibility of municipalities carried out in bodies of water and on flood protection works

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, s. 46.0.22, pars. 10, 11, 12 and 15).

1. The Regulation respecting regulatory measures for activities under the responsibility of municipalities carried out in bodies of water and on flood protection works, made by Order in Council 719-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended by inserting the following definitions in alphabetical order in the first paragraph of section 5:

""aquatic weed cutting" means an action consisting in cutting aquatic vegetation in ponds, lakes and watercourses using a machine mounted on a boat;

"retaining wall" means a vertical or subvertical works set in place to hold back soil at an angle steeper than the natural slope angle, regardless of the material with which it is built;".

2. Section 18 is amended by striking out paragraph 3.

3. The heading of subdivision 4 of Division II of Chapter II is amended by inserting ", buildings" after "works".

4. The heading of subdivision 5 of Division II of Chapter II is revoked.

5. Section 24 is amended by inserting ", other than damage" after "damage" in paragraph 2.

6. Section 45 is amended by replacing "or a works associated with a bridge" in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by ", a works associated with a bridge referred to in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 331 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1),".

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7. Section 46 is amended in the first paragraph

(1) by replacing "or storm water management system" in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by ", storm water management system or any other type of wastewater disposal pipe";

(2) by replacing "or" in the portion before subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by "and the other types of pipes as well as";

(3) by replacing "if the system has" in subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph by "in the case of".

8. Section 58 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"This section applies to any body of water present in a flood zone or a channel migration zone, as applicable.".

9. Section 60 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"(3) explosives may be used only when the work requires it and there are no other means of carrying out the work.".

10. Section 61 is amended by striking out "in the dewatered zone," in subparagraph *b* of subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph.

11. Section 63 is amended by inserting ", or in the third year in the case of sphagnum" after "revegetation" in paragraph 2.

12. Section 83 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1) is amended

(1) by inserting "and its accessory works and buildings" after "building" in the portion before paragraph 1;

(2) by inserting "or works" after "building" in paragraph 2;

(3) by adding the following at the end:

"(3) if the work involves a residential building's accessory works or buildings,

(*a*) the total encroachment area in the littoral zone of the accessory works or buildings, including existing works and buildings, must not exceed 30 m^2 or is of an area equal to that of the initial encroachment area of the accessory works or building if that area was 30 m^2 or less; and

(*b*) the work does not require backfilling or excavation, other than minor ground leveling.".

13. Section 85 is amended by striking out "of a residential building" in subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph.

14. Section 98 is amended by striking out "of a residual building" in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph.

15. Section 119 is amended by striking out "in the dewatered zone," in subparagraph *b* of paragraph 3.

16. Section 121 is amended by inserting ", or in the third year in the case of sphagnum" after "revegetation" in paragraph 2.

17. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Act respecting certain measures enabling the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation
(chapter M-11.6)

Regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact
— Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation makes various consequential amendments to the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1) to take into account amendments made by the Act to amend various provisions relating to the environment (2025, chapter 12). They prescribe the activities in the course of which minimum fines to which an offender is liable have been increased under section 115.33.1 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2). It also amends the provisions concerning the transfer of an authorization, in particular to adapt the content of a notice of transfer in the case of a partial transfer and with respect to an application for the amendment of an authorization made pursuant to section 122.2 of the Act.

The draft Regulation makes adjustments to the general provisions, in particular by amending the scope of the expression “temporary industrial camp”.

Amendments are also made to specify the activities of a project authorized under the environmental impact assessment and review procedure provided for in subdivision 4 of Division II of Chapter IV of Title I of the Environment Quality Act that are subject to a ministerial authorization, in addition to those already mentioned in the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact. The amendments also review the activities that cannot be the subject of a declaration of compliance or an exemption, unless they are to be authorized by the Government.

As regards the information to be furnished for an application for the issue of a ministerial authorization to be admissible, the draft Regulation clarifies the requirements related to the siting of activities, lightens the declaration of antecedents, removes the declaration of a professional and replaces, in certain cases, the requirement to provide plans and specifications by a requirement to file other simpler documents, such as technical information sheets, adjusts the information that must be included in an application for authorization, particularly for:

— mining activities;

— the laying out, construction and operation of a cemetery, a crematorium or an alkaline hydrolysis establishment for human or animal remains or an animal incinerator;

— the establishment of a sand pit or quarry;

— a waterworks system, that is the filing of a soil characterization if the work requires soil reworking;

— a storm water management system that does not drain a high-risk site;

— an activity referred to in the first paragraph of section 70.9 of the Environment Quality Act concerning hazardous materials;

— an activity relating to a putrescible organic materials reclamation facility, including any sorting, storing or treatment activities of the materials;

— interventions in bodies of water, in particular to better take into consideration the safety of property and persons in flood zones.

Certain amendments made by the draft Regulation with respect to the activities subject to a ministerial authorization adjust the validity period of the authorizations concerning fertilizing residual materials. It is also proposed that a holder of authorization must obtain from the Minister an amendment to the authorization in accordance with section 30 of the Environment Quality Act if the holder wishes to modify a compensation measure for adverse effects on wetlands or bodies of water.

In addition, the draft Regulation reviews the provisions of the Regulation made under section 31.0.6 of the Environment Quality Act with respect to the declarations of compliance and under section 31.0.11 of the Act with respect to the ministerial authorization exemptions, as required by section 124.8 of the Act.

New activities, in particular the following activities, would be eligible for a declaration of compliance, on certain conditions:

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— the development and operation of a temporary woody materials storage site on the site of a sawmill;

— the operation of a works to treat septic tank sludge on the site of a treatment plant covered by a depollution attestation;

— the installation, modification and operation of an apparatus or equipment designed to prevent, abate or stop the release of particles into the atmosphere in a sand pit or quarry or that will be used as part of the crushing or sieving of residual materials referred to in section 14 of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials (chapter Q-2, r. 49);

— the installation and use of natural gas combustion appliances with a total power equal to or greater than 3,000 kW but not exceeding 5,000 kW;

— the shredding, without milling, of used tires and the storage of the materials produced, carried out by a person qualified to reclaim them for the person's own needs;

— the storage and treatment of street-cleaning residue for reclamation purposes;

— the reclamation of contaminated residual crushed stone elsewhere than on the land where it was excavated;

— the work that encroaches into a wetland or body of water for more than 6 months.

Other amendments proposed by the draft Regulation with respect to the declarations of compliance consist mainlyin:

— making adjustments to the general information and documents that must accompany a declaration of compliance, but also for certain special activities, particularly the establishment and extension of a storm water management system that does not depend on a combined sewer system;

— making adjustments to the conditions for the declaration of compliance respecting in particular a research and experimentation project and the establishment of hot mix asphalt and concrete plants or sand pits and quarries;

— facilitating the reclamation of certain residual materials, such a residual granular materials and compost.

New exemptions from authorization, on certain conditions, are also provided for the following activities:

— the storage and processing by burning of woody debris removed from the vicinity of a dam;

— the work involving looping a drinking water pipe;

— water withdrawals from the Estuary or Gulf of St. Lawrence or a sea surrounding Québec;

— the extension of a storm water management system to serve an existing street that has no drainage ditch, without increasing the impermeable surface of the street;

— the operation of a temporary power station burning fossil fuels and used for the purpose of re-establishing the distribution of electricity;

— the installation and operation of an apparatus or equipment designed to prevent, abate or stop the release of contaminants into the atmosphere that is used only in the event of accidental release or is used to temporarily replace another apparatus or other equipment of the same nature when it is out of service for maintenance or repair;

— the storage of certain materials in order to encourage reclamation;

— the storage and use of all-purpose topsoil;

— certain demolition work on land that has been used as a residual materials elimination site and is now disused;

— the construction in a wetland or body of water of a boardwalk and a trail in a wetland.

Other amendments made by the draft Regulation with respect to the exemptions consist in:

— extending the exemption respecting the modification and extension of a sewer system covered by a depollution attestation to include work to reduce overflows regardless of the fact that the work is likely to modify the depollution attestation;

— reviewing the conditions for the storage and reclamation of residual materials such as residual granular materials and compost;

— adding agricultural digestates as materials that may be exempted for their storage and spreading.

Lastly, the draft Regulation makes consequential adjustments to the monetary administrative sanctions and the penal sanctions on the basis of the amendments described above and proposes various corrections to clarify the provisions of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact.

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The amendments made by the draft Regulation make the environmental framework easier, in particular by replacing the requirement to hold a ministerial authorization by a declaration of compliance or an exemption for a number of activities. Some tightening requirements would result in additional annual costs of $11,500, but the aggregate of the changes proposed should generate total annual savings of 9.3 million dollars, by replacing in particular plans and specifications by technical information sheets.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Maude Durand, Director, Bureau de stratégie législative et réglementaire, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29e étage, boîte 14, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7; email: question.bslr@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Maude Durand at the above contact information.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, s. 22, 1st par., subpar. 10, s. 23, 1st par., subpar. 3, ss. 28 and 30, 2nd par., subpar. 3, s. 31.0.6, 1st and 3rd pars., ss. 31.0.7, 31.011 and 46.0.22, pars. 5, 10 and 12, s. 95.1, 1st par, subpars. 3, 5, 6, 13, 13.1, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21 and 25.1 and 2nd par., and s. 115.33.1, 1st par.).

Act respecting certain measures enabling the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation (chapter M-11.6, ss. 30, 1st par. and 45, 1st par.).

1. Section 1 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1), amended by section 1 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is further amended by inserting the following paragraph after the fourth paragraph:

"It determines the activities for which the minimum fine to which an offender is liable is raised pursuant to section 115.33.1 of the Act.".

2. Section 3, amended by section 4 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025 and by section 1 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2026, is further amended

(1) by replacing "80" in paragraph 1 of the definition of "temporary industrial camp" by "100";

(2) by inserting the following definitions in alphabetical order:

""aquatic weed cutting" means an action consisting in cutting aquatic vegetation in ponds, lakes and watercourses using a machine mounted on a boat;

"retaining wall" means a vertical or subvertical works set in place to hold back soil at an angle steeper than the natural slope angle, regardless of the material with which it is built;".

3. Section 4, amended by section 5 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025 and by section 2 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2026, is further amended

(1) by replacing "de l'eau" in the French text of subparagraph *a* of paragraph 9 by "des eaux";

(2) by replacing paragraph 13 by the following:

"(13) distance is calculated horizontally

(*a*) if a flood protection works is in whole or in part within the 2-year flood line, from that line for a lake or watercourse; and

(*b*) in other cases,

i. from the boundary of the littoral zone, for a lake or watercourse;

ii. from the boundary, for a wetland; and

iii. from the top of the embankment, for a ditch;".

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4. Section 8 is amended

(1) by striking out "or municipality";

(2) by replacing "its intended purpose" by "this Regulation".

5. Section 9 is revoked.

6. Section 10 is amended in the first paragraph

(1) by striking out "or municipality";

(2) by inserting "in the prescribed format" after "electronically".

7. Section 14 is amended by replacing "Chapter IV of Title IV of Part I" in subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph by "section 36".

8. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following Title after section 14:

"**TITLE III.1**
FINES RAISED

14.1. The activities for which the minimum fine to which an offender is liable is raised pursuant to section 115.33.1 of the Act are the following:

(1) the operation of an establishment described in section 0.1 of the Agricultural Operations Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 26.1);

(2) the operation of an establishment whose maximum annual production capacity is equal to or greater than 60,000 tonnes after performance of either of the following activities to manufacture cells, electrochemical accumulators or batteries:

(*a*) the manufacturing of blended active electrode materials;

(*b*) the manufacturing of separators;

(3) the operation of an establishment engaged in manufacturing chemicals if the maximum annual production capacity is equal to or greater than 50,000 tonnes;

(4) the operation of an establishment engaged in manufacturing tires (North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Canada 2022 Version 1.0, 326210) if the maximum annual production capacity is equal to or greater than 20,000 tonnes;

(5) the operation of an establishment engaged in manufacturing explosive preparations, detonators for explosives or explosive devices, except ammunition (NAICS 325920);

(6) the operation of an establishment engaged in the production or transformation of a chemical element of metal compounds or chemicals from rare earth concentrate or radioactive elements;

(7) the operation of an establishment engaged in the production or transformation of a chemical element, metallic compounds or chemicals from lithium concentrate if the maximum annual production capacity is equal to or greater than 20,000 tonnes;

(8) the operation of an establishment engaged in manufacturing chipboard from wood fibre or manufacturing other composite materials derived from wood if the maximum annual production capacity is equal to or greater than 50,000 m^3;

(9) the operation of a petroleum refinery, petrochemical plant, liquid petroleum gas fractionation plant, transformation or energy-potential gas synthesis plant or transformation or coal-based product synthesis plant.".

9. Section 16 is amended by replacing subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by the following:

"(2) the contact information for the site where the project will be carried on if that information is different from the applicant's information;".

10. Section 17 is amended

(1) by replacing "descriptive element required to demonstrate" in subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph by "information or document demonstrating";

(2) in the second paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing subparagraph 1 by the following:

"(1) a site plan enabling the elements referred to in the application, including intervention zones, infrastructures, layouts, equipment, discharge points, observation wells and measuring or sampling points to be located and identified;";

(*b*) by adding the following at the end:

"(4) the georeferenced data of the place where the activity is carried out and the contaminant discharge points.".

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11. Section 20 is amended by striking out subparagraph *b* of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph.

12. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 27:

"**28.** A holder of authorization for a project carried out in wetlands or bodies of water must obtain an amendment to the authorization from the Minister if the holder wishes to modify a compensation measure for adverse effects on the wetlands or bodies of water required from the holder under the authorization, other than a financial contribution.

The holder may, pursuant to the second paragraph of section 46.0.5 of the Act and sections 10.1 to 10.3 of the Regulation respecting compensation for adverse effects on wetlands and bodies of water (chapter Q-2, r. 9.1), request the Minister to allow payment of the financial contribution required for the modification of the compensation measure applied for under the first paragraph to be replaced by work carried out to restore or create wetlands or bodies of water.".

13. Section 36 is amended by replacing "sections 32 to 34" in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by "subparagraphs 1 to 3 and 10 of the first paragraph of section 32 and sections 33 and 34".

14. Section 37 is replaced by the following:

"**37.** A holder of authorization intending to transfer all or part of the authorization to a person that wishes to continue or complete the carrying on of an activity authorized pursuant to section 31.0.2 or 31.7.5 of the Act must file a notice of transfer with the Minister containing the following information and documents:

(1) the number and date of issue of the authorization the holder intends to transfer all or part of;

(2) the name of and information needed to identify every transferee;

(3) the declaration of antecedents of every transferee required under section 36;

(4) where applicable, a declaration from every transferee attesting that the transferee holds the guarantee or liability insurance required to carry on the activity covered by the authorization;

(5) an attestation by the holder of authorization and every transferee that the information and documents they have provided are accurate and complete;

(6) in the case of partial transfer, identification of the activities for which the authorization is transferred in part, including the applicable conditions, restrictions and prohibitions, as well as identification of the transferee responsible for those activities on completion of the transfer.".

15. The heading of Chapter VI of Title IV of Part I is amended by replacing "OR REVOCATION OF AUTHORIZATION" by ", CANCELLATION OF OR AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 122.2 OF THE ACT".

16. Section 39 is amended by replacing "or revocation" wherever appearing by ", cancellation of or amendment to".

17. Section 41 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing subparagraphs 2 and 3 by the following:

"(2) the contact information for the site where the activities will be carried on if that information is different from the declarant's information;

(3) if the declarant has relied on the services of a professional or other qualified person for the development of all or part of the activity or to prepare the declaration, the information needed to identify the professional or person;";

(*b*) by replacing "and its" in subparagraph *b* of subparagraph 4 by "or work, specifying the beginning and end dates, and the work";

(*c*) by replacing "a georeferenced plan, specifying" in the portion before subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 5 by "georeferenced data for the following elements";

(*d*) by striking out subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 5;

(*e*) by inserting "or the work" in subparagraph *b* of subparagraph 5 before "will be carried on";

(2) by striking out the third paragraph.

18. Section 45 is replaced by the following:

"**45.** In addition to the activities referred to in section 22 of the Act, unless a contrary decision has been made pursuant to section 31.6 of the Act, ministerial authorization is required for the following activities arising from a project authorized under Subdivision 4 of Division II of Chapter IV of Title I of the Act:

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(1) work to develop or prepare a site for the carrying out of the project, such as tree clearing, earthwork, building access roads, creating work and site operations areas, a collector system, a sediment, dewaterting or settling basin, a storage reservoir or foundations, or dismantling existing infrastructures;

(2) construction of an infrastructure, works or building necessary for the construction or operation of the project;

(3) the project's operational activities referred to in sections 1, 4, 7, insofar as a shared transportation project is involved, 8, 9 and 11 to 39 of Part II of Schedule I to the Regulation respecting the environmental impact assessment and review of certain projects (chapter Q-2, r. 23.1);

(4) if Schedule I to the Regulation respecting the environmental impact assessment and review of certain projects applies to the project because of manufacturing, production, transformation, processing, storage, elimination, burial, incineration or final disposal activities, or section 9 of Part II of that Schedule applies to the project, the project's operational activities;

(5) activities relating to post-closure management and site restoration.".

19. Section 46, amended by section 8 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025 and by section 4 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2026, is further amended

(1) by replacing "referred to in section 45" in the first paragraph by "for a project authorized under Subdivision 4 of Division II of Chapter IV of Title I of the Act";

(2) in the second paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "a wind park" in subparagraph 3 by "any project";

(*b*) by inserting ", other than an ice bridge or movable bridge," after "a bridge";

(*c*) by replacing "in bodies of water" and "subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 2 of Part II of Schedule 1 of" in subparagraph 4.1 by, respectively, "in a littoral zone or on a riverbank or lakeshore" and "section 1 or 1.1, subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 2 or section 3 or 4 of Part II of Schedule 1 to";

(*d*) by replacing subparagraph 6 by the following:

"(6) as part of a bridge-related project referred to in Part II of Schedule 1 to the Regulation respecting the environmental impact assessment and review of certain projects, or any other project described in section 5 or 7 of Part II of that Schedule, the storage, crushing and sieving of brick, concrete and asphalt mix during construction work for a bridge, road infrastructures, a rail yard, a railroad or a shared transportation system;";

(*e*) by adding the following at the end of the second paragraph:

"(8) wildlife development and management work.".

20. Section 47 is amended in the second paragraph

(1) by inserting ", remain current and correspond to the activity covered by the application for authorization" after "procedure";

(2) by adding "with the Minister, providing the context for or supplementing the information or documents if necessary" after "previously filed".

21. Section 52, amended by section 10 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is further amended by inserting "construction," in paragraph 4 before "laying out".

22. Section 54 is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before subparagraph *a* of paragraph 2 by "(2) the leaving of woody debris removed from the vicinity of a dam in piles when carried out";

(2) by replacing ", 2 or 3, except a withdrawal site connected to the activity" in subparagraph *a* of paragraph 2 by "or 2 groundwater withdrawal site and 30 m or more from a category 3 groundwater withdrawal site";

(3) by replacing paragraph 3 by the following:

"(3) the storage and, if applicable, processing of woody debris removed from the vicinity of a dam so that it may be reclaimed, if the storage and processing is carried out

(*a*) outside of wetlands and bodies of water;

(*b*) 100 m or more from a category 1 or 2 groundwater withdrawal site and 30 m or more from a category 3 groundwater withdrawal site; and

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(*c*) in a way that prevents runoff from reaching a watercourse, a lake or a wetland with water at its surface;

(3.1) the burning of woody debris removed from the vicinity of a dam, as long as

(*a*) the burned woody debris was previously stored, if applicable, for a period of not more than 3 years;

(*b*) the burning takes place

i. outside of wetlands and bodies of water; and

ii. 100 m or more from a category 1 or 2 groundwater withdrawal site and 30 m or more from a category 3 groundwater withdrawal site;

(*c*) no hazardous residual material is used for the burning;

(*d*) the burning takes place for a period of not more than 12 hours per day;

(*e*) if dwellings or public institutions are situated within a radius of 5 km from the burning site,

i. instruments to measure fine particles of a diameter less than or equal to 2.5 microns able to provide continuous measurement and data transmission are installed in the dwellings and public institutions; and

ii. the burning is immediately curtailed if the fine particle concentration measured exceeds 60 µg/m³ per hour or 30 µg/m³ per 24 hours; and

(*f*) the burning and prior storage takes place in a way that prevents runoff from reaching a watercourse, a lake or a wetland with water at its surface;";

(4) by adding the following at the end:

"(6) the use of forest firefighting foams by a forest fire protection organization designated under section 150.1 of the Fire Safety Act (chapter S-3.4), as long as

(*a*) the firefighting foam used is listed in the document entitled Class A Foam for Wildland Fire Management, published on 5 December 2024 by the US Forest Service;

(*b*) the foam does not contain Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) or flame retardants found harmful to human health or the environment and associated with risk management measures under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (S.C. 1999, c. 33), listed in Table 3 of the page entitled "Summary of flame retardant assessments and management conducted under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999"; and

(*c*) the foam is not a hazardous material under section 3 of the Regulation respecting hazardous materials (chapter Q-2, r. 32).".

23. Section 55 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "The following research and experimental work, if needed to validate a product or process, is eligible for a declaration of compliance before the commercial release of the product or the commercial operation of the plant" in the portion before subparagraph 1 by "A research and experimentation project conducted to validate a product or process in development is eligible for a declaration of compliance";

(*b*) by replacing "the work" in the portion before subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 1 by "the project";

(*c*) by replacing "research" in subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 1 by "project";

(*d*) by inserting the following after subparagraph *f* of subparagraph 1:

"(*g*) the environmental impacts and the mitigation measures;";

(*e*) by inserting the following after subparagraph 2:

"(2.1) the product or process is not available for sale, marketed or otherwise commercialized during the project;";

(*f*) by replacing "work" in subparagraph 3 by "project";

(*g*) by replacing "work" in subparagraph 4 by "project";

(*h*) by replacing "work" in subparagraph 6 by "project";

(2) in the second paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "An activity" in the portion before subparagraph 1 by "The project";

(*b*) by replacing "work" in the portion before subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 2 by "project";

(*c*) by adding the following at the end:

"(3) the project is completed not later than 37 months after the declaration of compliance is sent.".

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24. Section 56 is amended

(1) by inserting the following before paragraph 1:

"(0.1) the experimental protocol referred to in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 55;";

(2) by replacing "in the location plan required," in paragraph 1 by "a location plan for the activity showing".

25. Section 68 is amended by replacing "the site or facility and any other equipment or works needed" in subparagraph 4 of the second paragraph by "the relevant facility if it has been designed or modified specifically for the project and the technical information sheets for the equipment or, if it has also been designed or modified for the project, its plans and specifications".

26. Section 69 is amended by replacing "landfill and for any other equipment or works required" in paragraph 3 by "relevant facility".

27. Section 72 is amended by inserting ", the weekly covering of a trench landfill site" in paragraph 2 after "engineered landfill site".

28. Section 75 is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"The requirement to replant pursuant to the second paragraph does not apply if an infrastructure, works, building or any other facility is sited, developed, built or otherwise set in place so that it covers the entire burial zone within 12 months following the activity.".

29. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 75:

"**75.1.** The depositing and burial of invasive exotic plant species on land adjacent to the wetland or body of water where they are removed, if they are macrophytes removed manually, is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Chapter, on the following conditions:

(1) the deposit site is 60 m or more from a wetland or body of water other than a flood zone or channel migration zone;

(2) the deposit site is 75 m or more from any dwelling, unless the dwelling is owned by or rented to the person carrying on the activity.

DIVISION II.1
BURIAL OF MARINE ANIMALS

75.2. The burial of carcasses or body parts of marine animals washed up on the shore or in the littoral zone of a municipality that, without a boat service connection, does not have access by the road network to an authorized burial site, less than 200 m from a dwelling or a public institution or on a site used for tourist and recreational activities, is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Chapter, on the following conditions:

(1) the burial occurs

(*a*) on a site naturally devoid of vegetation; and

(*b*) outside the intermediate bacteriological protection zone for groundwater withdrawn for human consumption or food processing;

(2) the marine animal carcass or body part is buried at a minimum depth of 60 cm below the natural soil level at the excavation boundary;

(3) the excavated spoil is grated to prevent creating a mound.".

30. Section 76 is amended by striking out the third paragraph.

31. Section 79 is amended

(1) by replacing paragraph 3 by the following:

"(3) every development plan for the infrastructures or facilities involved, including for their equipment and works;

(3.1) the technical information sheets for the equipment or, if the equipment has been designed or modified specifically for the project, its plans and specifications;";

(2) by adding ", as well as a document showing the consequence classification in the event of dike failure and, if that classification level is high, very high or extreme, a design review performed by an independent expert" at the end of subparagraph *c* of paragraph 6.

32. Section 82 is amended by striking out ", as well as petroleum enhanced recovery activities,".

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33. Section 87 is amended by replacing paragraph 1 by the following:

"(1) every development plan for the facility involved, including for its equipment and works;

(1.1) the technical information sheets for the equipment or, if the equipment has been designed or modified specifically for the project, its plans and specifications;".

34. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 88:

"**88.1.** The development and operation of storage or temporary storage of surplus raw woody materials or wood waste is eligible for a declaration of compliance, on the following conditions:

(1) the raw woody materials and wood waste are free of any addition likely to adversely alter their intrinsic properties or modify their environmental impact;

(2) the activity is carried on within the boundaries of the operating area of a sawmill or wood processing plant that is authorized or covered by a declaration of compliance;

(3) the boundaries of the temporary storage site are identified using visual markers;

(4) the total area of the storage site does not exceed 2,500 m^2;

(5) the place indicated has not been used for the same activity by the same declarant in the 24 months before the declaration of compliance is sent;

(6) the storage site is developed and operated at the place indicated for a maximum period of 13 months after the declaration of compliance is sent;

(7) the storage site is cleaned after use, without the use of water;

(8) the wastewater discharge point is not in a littoral zone or on a riverbank or lakeshore;

(9) the discharged wastewater does not reach a wetland.".

35. Section 89 is amended by replacing "produced by any activity referred to in section 88" in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by "discharged into the environment by an activity referred to in section 88 or 88.1".

36. Section 90 is amended in the portion before paragraph 1

(1) by inserting "or a storage site referred to in section 88.1" after "section 88";

(2) by inserting "or storage site" after "operator of the sawmill".

37. Section 91 is amended

(1) by replacing "section 88 must include, in the location plan required," by "sections 88 and 88.1 must include a plan showing";

(2) by adding "or posts" at the end.

38. Section 92 is replaced by the following:

"**92.** The installation and operation of a mobile sawmill with no fixed facilities is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Chapter, on the following conditions:

(1) the total volume of wood waste stored in bulk on the site is less than or equal to 300 m^3 at all times;

(2) the activities are carried on 30 m or more from a watercourse, a lake or a wetland;

(3) the site is laid out in a way that ensures access is controlled and the admissibility of the materials can be verified;

(4) the wood waste in storage is protected from the elements or is stored in containers that are closed or covered with a tarp;

(5) the wood waste is free of any addition likely to adversely alter its intrinsic properties or modify its environmental impact;

(6) the operating site is cleaned after use, without the use of water.".

39. Section 94 is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"Subparagraph 1.1 of the first paragraph does not apply to the construction of an underground electric power transmission and distribution line situated in the right of way of or adjacent to a road or railway including, in the event the road or railway crosses a watercourse, the laying of the line beneath the watercourse.".

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40. Section 96 is amended

(1) by striking out "and operation, for a period of 14 days or less," in paragraph 4;

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"(5) the operation of a temporary power station burning fossil fuels and used for the purpose of re-establishing the distribution of electricity for a period of not more than 336 cumulative hours, or if the operation exceeds that period, on the following conditions:

(*a*) the power station is installed to temporarily replace another device of the same nature when that device is out of service for maintenance or repair;

(*b*) the distribution of electricity is to an independent public system in the territory of the Mauricie administrative region located north of the 47th parallel, in the territories of the Côte-Nord and Nord du Québec administrative regions and in the territory of the Communauté maritime des Îles-de-la-Madeleine.".

41. Section 107 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"(4) the construction and operation of an incinerator for animal carcasses.".

42. Section 108 is replaced by the following:

"**108.** In addition to the general content prescribed by section 16, every application for authorization for an activity referred to in section 107 must include the following supplemental information and documents:

(1) for the activity referred to in paragraph 1 of that section, a technical report for the land, signed by a professional, that provides

(*a*) a description of the soil stratigraphy and particle size in the unsaturated zone where the bodies or ashes of humans or animals are to be buried;

(*b*) the depth of the piezometric surface during high water periods;

(*c*) the directional flow of groundwater and the hydraulic gradient; and

(*d*) the potential contaminant receptors in the surface and groundwater within a 200 m radius around the site;

(2) for the activities referred to paragraphs 2 and 4 of that section,

(*a*) the technical information sheets for the equipment and a technical report for the facilities, signed by an engineer, or if they have been designed or modified specifically for the project, their plans and specifications;

(*b*) air dispersion modelling meeting the requirements of Schedule H to the Clean Air Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 4.1); and

(*c*) a process diagram;

(3) for an activity referred to in paragraph 3 of that section,

(*a*) the technical information sheets for the equipment and a technical report for the facilities, signed by a professional, or if they have been designed or modified specifically for the project, their plans and specifications; and

(*b*) a process diagram.".

43. Section 109 is amended by inserting "continuous" in paragraph 2 before "measurement".

44. Section 111 is amended by replacing "report the measurements made" in the second paragraph by "enter the daily minimum and maximum measurements taken".

45. Section 116 is amended in the first paragraph

(1) by replacing subparagraph 1 by the following:

"(1) a copy of the title of ownership, lease, lease application filed with the Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife or any document confirming the right to mine the sand pit or quarry;";

(2) by adding ", unless the dwelling is owned by or rented to the owner or operator" at the end of subparagraph 6.

46. Section 117 is amended

(1) by inserting "and, if required, the treatment of non-consolidated surface mineral substances if the quantity treated does not exceed 100,000 tonnes" at the end of subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph;

(2) by replacing subparagraph 4 of the second paragraph by the following:

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"(4) the surface mineral substances do not contain asbestos;

(4.1) the sand pit is not located within the boundaries of an asbestos mining site or an asbestos mining residue accumulation area;".

47. Section 118 is replaced by the following:

"**118.** The activity referred to in paragraph 2 of section 113 relating to the treatment of surface mineral substances in a sand pit or quarry is eligible for a declaration of compliance if the quantity of surface mineral substances treated annually does not exceed 100,000 tonnes.".

48. Section 119 is amended by adding "for the area declared" at the end.

49. Section 123 is amended by replacing paragraph 1 by the following:

"(1) the technical information sheets for the equipment, or if it has been designed or modified specifically for the project, its plans and specifications;

(1.1) a manufacturing process diagram for bituminous concrete;".

50. Section 124 is amended in the second paragraph

(1) by striking out subparagraph 2;

(2) by replacing "13 months" in subparagraph 5 by "19 months";

(3) by replacing "has not been used for such a plant by" in subparagraph 5.1 by "was not covered by a declaration of compliance of" and by replacing "la déclaration" in the French text of that subparagraph by "cette déclaration".

51. Section 126 is amended by replacing paragraph 1 by the following:

"(1) the technical information sheets for the equipment, or if it has been designed or modified specifically for the project, its plans and specifications;

(1.1) a manufacturing process diagram for cement concrete;".

52. Section 127 is amended

(1) by replacing "13 months" in paragraph 1 by "19 months";

(2) by replacing paragraph 2 by the following:

"(2) the place indicated was not covered by a declaration of compliance of the same declarant in the 12 months preceding the sending of the declaration of compliance;".

53. Section 128 is amended by striking out "from washing operations" in the portion before paragraph 1.

54. Section 160 is amended

(1) by striking out "signed by an engineer" in paragraph 1;

(2) by inserting the following after paragraph 1:

"(1.1) the technical information sheets for equipment that was not designed or modified specifically for the project and a technical report, signed by an engineer, substantiating the choice of that equipment;".

55. Section 165.16, made by section 11 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended

(1) in the portion before paragraph 1, by striking out "following" and adding ", in the following cases" at the end;

(2) by inserting "work on" at the beginning of paragraph 1;

(3) by replacing paragraphs 2 and 3 by the following:

"(2) work on an infrastructure, works, non-residential building or equipment the construction or layout of which required a municipal permit under the Regulation respecting regulatory measures for activities under the responsibility of municipalities carried out in bodies of water and on flood protection works (*insert the reference to the Compilation of Québec Laws and Regulations*);

(3) the work is on an infrastructure, works, non-residential building or equipment not covered by paragraph 2, provided that excavations or insertions of material or equipment into the soil, if any, do not exceed 30 cm in depth.".

56. Section 168 is amended by replacing "80" in the second paragraph by "100".

57. Section 169, amended by section 22 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2026, is further amended in the first paragraph

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(1) by replacing "the information referred to in section 68 of the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation that is not already required by another provision" in subparagraph 9 by "the report to be sent pursuant to section 68 of the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation";

(2) by inserting the following after subparagraph 9:

"(9.1) where the application is for a category 1 surface water withdrawal, the report to be sent pursuant to section 75 of the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation;".

58. Section 173 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"(7) water withdrawals from the Estuary or Gulf of St. Lawrence or a sea surrounding Québec, unless the withdrawal is for human consumption or food processing.".

59. Section 180 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"(7) if the work requires soil reworking, a soil characterization study performed as provided in section 31.67 of the Act.".

60. Section 184 is amended by replacing "or any other equipment intended to serve a single building" in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by "and any other equipment required to connect a single building to an existing waterworks system, if the lot on which the building is situated is adjacent to the system".

61. Section 187 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"(4) if there is no new service connection on the looped main, the work involving looping a drinking water pipe, provided the specifications are prepared in accordance with the standard specification BNQ 1809-300 or at least meet the requirements in that specification for the work involved.".

62. Section 189 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"(3) where process water from the apparatus or equipment is discharged into a sewer system to which the Regulation respecting municipal wastewater treatment works applies, the process water complies with the following conditions:

(*a*) it has first been treated by another treatment works;

(*b*) the discharge of the water into the system does not modify the authorized treatment.".

63. Section 191 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"(9) if the work requires soil reworking, a soil characterization study performed as provided in section 31.67 of the Act.".

64. Section 194 is amended in the portion before paragraph 1

(1) by inserting "and operation" after "laying out";

(2) by inserting "sur le site" in the French text after "septiques".

65. Section 198 is amended by replacing "a discharge" in paragraph 1 by "an overflow or diversion".

66. Section 199 is amended by replacing "when the specifications for the work are prepared in accordance with the standard specification BNQ 1809-300 or at least meet the requirements of that specification for the work concerned" by "if the work complies with the requirements in the standard specification BNQ 1809-300 and the wastewater from the building is not discharged into the environment without having first been treated".

67. Section 200 is amended by adding ", unless the work is to reduce overflows" at the end of paragraph 6.

68. Section 201 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "and modification" by ", receipt or modification";

(*b*) by striking out ", including the addition of an outlet in the littoral zone, if applicable";

(2) by striking out the third paragraph.

69. Section 205 is amended by replacing paragraph 1 by the following:

"(1) the technical information sheets for the apparatus and equipment, or if they have been designed or modified specifically for the project, their plans and specifications and, in all cases, their maintenance program;

(1.1) the plans and specifications for the facilities, if they include the installation and connection of apparatus and equipment;".

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70. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 206:

"**206.1.** The installation and operation of an oil-water separator is eligible for a declaration of compliance, on the following conditions:

(1) the effluent concentration of the separator does not exceed 5 mg/l;

(2) the effluent is carried to another water treatment system covered by an authorization or a declaration of compliance.".

71. Section 213.1 is amended

(1) by replacing "wastewater" in the first paragraph by "water";

(2) in the second paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "the flow must be less than 10 m^3 per day, except work for dewatering of the area of work in a watercourse, and they" in subparagraph 1 by "it";

(*b*) by adding "having a contaminant concentration that exceeds the limit values in Schedule I to the Land Protection and Rehabilitation Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 37); if that is the case, measures are taken to prevent any contaminant migration off the site" at the end of subparagraph 2;

(*c*) by adding the following at the end:

"(3) the work does not involve land rehabilitation or treatment of contaminated soil;

(4) except in the case of watercourse dewatering, the discharged water does not, through surface runoff, reach the littoral zone, the shore of a lake or watercourse or a wetland or, if it does, the runoff rate must be less than 10 m^3 per day.".

72. Section 217 is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"Despite the foregoing, this Division does not apply to a snow elimination site referred to in section 76 or to a sand pit or quarry referred to in section 112.".

73. Section 220 is amended

(1) by replacing paragraph 1 by the following:

"(1) the technical information sheets for the components of the system, its extension or modification, or if they have been designed or modified specifically for the project, their plans and specifications;";

(2) by replacing "the plan provided for in section 17," in paragraph 2 by "a plan";

(3) by striking out paragraph 6.

74. Section 223 is amended by inserting the following after paragraph 1.1:

"(1.2) in the case of the activity referred to in section 222, the information relating to the location and identification of the storm water management system to be extended by the work;".

75. Section 224 is amended by inserting "otherwise than by a green storm water management infrastructure of an area not exceeding 50 m^2 implemented alongside a street" in subparagraph 4 of the second paragraph after "into the soil".

76. Section 225 is amended by inserting "otherwise than by a green storm water management infrastructure of an area not exceeding 50 m^2 implemented alongside a street" in subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph after "into the soil".

77. Section 226, amended by section 24 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2026, is further amended by adding the following at the end of the first paragraph:

"(6) the extension of a storm water management system to serve an existing street that has no drainage ditch, without increasing the impermeable surface area of the street.".

78. Section 226.1 is amended by inserting "otherwise than by a green storm water management infrastructure of an area not exceeding 50 m^2 implemented alongside a street" in paragraph 2 after "into the soil".

79. Section 232 is replaced by the following:

"**232.** In addition to the general content prescribed by section 16, every application for authorization for an activity referred to in the first paragraph of section 70.9 of the Act must include the following supplemental information and documents:

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(1) identification of each category of hazardous materials determined pursuant to Schedule 4 to the Regulation respecting hazardous materials (chapter Q-2, r. 32) in respect of which the activity will be carried on and, except for the transportation of hazardous residual materials, the quantities involved;

(2) a monitoring program that will be applied on receipt of the hazardous residual materials to ensure that the materials delivered are authorized and are compliant with the Regulation respecting hazardous materials;

(3) in the case of an activity referred to in subparagraph 1 of that paragraph, other than the operation of a final disposal site, and in subparagraph 2 of that paragraph, a sampling and analysis program for the outgoing hazardous materials and the manner in which they will be managed.".

80. Section 238 is amended

(1) by replacing paragraph 1 by the following:

"(1) a layout plan of the facility involved, including its equipment and works, as well as the technical information sheets for any disinfection equipment";

(2) by inserting the following after paragraph 4:

"(4.1) if non-anatomical biomedical waste is treated by disinfection, a program to monitor the disinfection treatment efficiency and enabling verification of compliance with the requirements of the second paragraph of section 6 of the Regulation respecting biomedical waste (chapter Q-2, r. 12);";

(3) by replacing "a declaration, signed by an engineer, attesting that the planned design and operation of the equipment comply with the Act and its regulations" in paragraph 5 by "the supplemental information and documents referred to in section 68 for a residual materials elimination facility, with the necessary modifications".

81. Section 240 is replaced by the following:

"**240.** In addition to the information required by section 41, a declaration of compliance for an activity referred to in paragraph 2 of section 239 must contain a location and layout plan for the following facilities:

(1) the biomedical waste loading and unloading facilities and parking areas for the vehicles used for those purposes;

(2) the facilities for cleaning the vehicles and biomedical waste containers;

(3) the storage facilities and refrigerated storage facilities for biomedical waste other than medical and domestic sharps and biomedical waste preserved in preserving agents.".

82. Section 245 is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

"However, this Division does not apply

(1) to the storage of residual materials on the site where they are produced, if they are stored temporarily and for a purpose other than on-site reclamation; or

(2) to agri-food residual reclamation activities if the residuals are intended for human consumption.".

83. Section 246 is amended by replacing paragraph 2 by the following:

"(2) a layout plan of the facility involved, including its equipment and works or, if the facility has been designed or modified specifically for the project, the plans and specifications;

(2.1) the technical information sheets for the equipment, if applicable;".

84. Section 247 is replaced by the following:

"**247.** In addition to the general content prescribed by section 16 and the specific content prescribed by section 246, every application for authorization for an activity relating to a putrescible organic materials reclamation facility, including any activities involving sorting, storing or treatment of the materials, must include the following supplemental information and documents:

(1) a hydrogeological study if the activity has the following characteristics:

(*a*) the maximum volume of residual organic materials likely to be present on the site is greater than 150 m^3;

(*b*) the activity is carried on outside a closed building or on a non-impervious surface;

(*c*) the activity or installation is

i. storage inside a permanent building or works not governed by the Agro-Environmental Practices Regulation, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2026, and that is neither situated on the residual material generation site nor on the site where the material is used;

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ii. a biomethanization facility situated off a raising or spreading site or that treats 25% or more of exogenous materials;

iii. a composting facility situated off a raising or spreading site or for which the maximum volume of organic materials likely to be present on the site is greater 1,000 m^3;

iv. a sorting station for putrescible organic materials, unless the materials are green waste and the station is protected from the elements; or

v. a putrescible organic materials conditioning facility, other than for livestock waste if the facility is situated on a raising site and the proportion of livestock waste from another raising site is less than 50%;

(2) level 2 air dispersion modelling for odours, performed in compliance with Schedule H to the Clean Air Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 4.1), to determine the frequency and duration of episodes of odours, if the activity has the following characteristics:

(*a*) the maximum volume of residual materials present on the site is greater than 150 m^3;

(*b*) the activity is not governed by the Agro-Environmental Practices Regulation;

(*c*) the activity or facility is

i. a biomethanization facility situated off a raising or spreading site or that treats 25% or more of exogenous materials;

ii. a composting facility for which the maximum volume of organic materials likely to be present on the site is greater than 7,500 m^3 or that is situated less than 1 km from any dwelling, public institution or a sector zoned by a municipality for residential or commercial use and, if it is situated on a raising or spreading site, the maximum volume for the site is greater than 1,000 m^3;

iii. sorting, other than green waste sorting;

iv. conditioning, other than for livestock waste if the facility is situated on a raising site and the proportion of livestock waste from another raising site is less than 50%, and other than for green waste; or

v. storage of putrescible organic materials in a permanent building or works, other than green waste, fresh wastewater from the cleaning of outdoor raising units or the cleaning of outdoor sedimentation units at an aquaculture site or fishing pond;

(3) an odour management plan for putrescible residual organic materials to limit and monitor the emission of odours causing an odour nuisance beyond the boundaries of the site, if the activity has the following characteristics:

(*a*) it is not governed by the Agro-Environmental Practices Regulation;

(*b*) it involves any of the following reclamation activities for putrescible organic materials:

i. composting;

ii. biomethanization;

iii. sorting;

iv. conditioning, other than for livestock waste if the facility is situated on a raising site and the proportion of livestock waste from another raising site is less than 50%;

v. storage in a permanent building or works.".

85. Section 252 is amended in the first paragraph

(1) in the portion before subparagraph 1,

(*a*) by inserting "or spreading" after "operation, on a raising";

(*b*) by replacing "and spreading of the compost produced on a raising site or spreading site," by "of the compost produced on that site";

(2) by adding ", except in the case of closed thermophilic equipment" at the end of subparagraph 2;

(3) by replacing "or are slaughtered because of age or disease" in subparagraph *iii* of subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 4 by ", are euthanized or slaughtered because of age or disease or are from a local "chicken slaughterhouse at the farm" under the Regulation respecting food (chapter P-29, r. 1), amended by the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting food, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 4 February 2026";

(4) by striking out "on parcels of land under cultivation" in subparagraph 12 after "being spread";

(5) by replacing subparagraph 13 by the following:

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"(13) the composting and storage activities take place on a watertight surface, 100 m or more from a category 1, 2 or 3 groundwater withdrawal site, except in the case of a water withdrawal site connected to the activity.".

86. Section 254.1 is amended by striking out "on parcels of land under cultivation" in subparagraph 7 of the second paragraph after "being spread".

87. The heading of Subdivision 2 of Subdivision 3 of Division I of Chapter IV of Title III of Part II is amended by replacing "and storage" by ", storage and reclamation".

88. Section 259 is amended

(1) by replacing "1,000" in paragraph 1 by "10,000";

(2) by replacing "300 m^3" in paragraph 2 by "2,500 m^3";

(3) by replacing paragraph 4 by the following:

"(4) the storage areas for uncrushed and unsieved residual materials and category 1 to 3 residual granular materials under section 26 of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials are laid out on a compacted surface in a way that prevents water accumulation;

(5) the storage areas for category 4 residual granular materials under section 26 of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials that do not meet the classification conditions pursuant to that section and as a result are out of class and uncategorized materials under that section are laid out on a watertight surface and are protected from the elements;

(6) if a dwelling or public institution is situated less than 600 m from the site where the activities are carried on, unless the dwelling is owned by or rented to the owner or operator, a predictive noise study has been performed to ensure compliance with the standards set out in section 8 of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials.".

89. Section 260 is amended

(1) by striking out "or a municipal sewer" in paragraph 1;

(2) by replacing "the accumulation and infiltration of water" in subparagraph *b* of paragraph 2 by "water accumulation".

90. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 260:

"**260.1.** The reclamation of residual crushed stone elsewhere than on the land where it was excavated, by the same operator on land owned by the operator is eligible for a declaration of compliance, on the following conditions:

(1) the residual crushed stone is reclaimed for construction on institutional, commercial or industrial land, including municipal land;

(2) the contaminant concentration in the residual crushed stone is less than or equal to the limit values in Schedule II to the Land Protection and Rehabilitation Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 37) for the land where institutional, commercial or industrial use is authorized under municipal zoning by-laws, except

(*a*) land where totally or partially residential buildings are built; and

(*b*) land where elementary-level or secondary-level educational institutions, childcare centres, day care centres, hospital centres, residential and long-term care centres, rehabilitation centres, child and youth protection centres, or correctional facilities are built;

(3) the impurities content of the residual crushed stone is lower than or equal to 1% (w/w), of which 0.1% (w/w) is for light materials;

(4) the reclamation does not increase the total volume on the receiving land of residual crushed stone having a contaminant concentration exceeding the limit values in Schedule I to the Land Protection and Rehabilitation Regulation to more than 10,000 m^3, whether that volume is reached as a result of one or several projects;

(5) the maximum contaminant concentration in the receiving land is equal to or greater than the contaminants present in the residual crushed stone for the family of metals and metalloids and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and for the other contaminants taken individually;

(6) the residual crushed stone is not used as surface covering and measures to confine it are implemented;

(7) the thickness of the residual crushed stone deposited does not exceed 500 mm, except if the plans and specifications require greater thickness;

(8) the bottom of the excavation in which the residual crushed stone is deposited is located above the highest groundwater level and the infrastructure development work does not create areas where water accumulates in the area where the residual crushed stone is reclaimed.

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Sections 26 and 27 of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials do not apply to residual crushed stone referred to in the first paragraph.

260.2. In addition to what is required by section 41, the declaration of compliance for an activity referred to in section 260.1 must include the following information:

(1) the date of receipt of the residual crushed stone;

(2) the quantity of residual crushed stone to be reclaimed;

(3) the nature and contaminant concentration in the residual crushed stone to be reclaimed;

(4) the nature and contaminant concentration present in the receiving land at the location where the residual crushed stone is reclaimed.".

91. Section 261 is amended by replacing "referred to in section 2 of the Regulation respecting compensation for municipal services provided to recover and reclaim residual materials (chapter Q-2, r. 10)" in subparagraph *a* of paragraph 2 by "to which the Regulation respecting a system of selective collection of certain residual materials (chapter Q-2, r. 46.01) applies".

92. Section 265 is amended

(1) by replacing "and the reclamation of the compost produced in closed thermophilic equipment are" in the portion before paragraph 1 by "in closed thermophilic equipment is";

(2) by striking out paragraph 9.

93. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following Subdivision after section 267:

"***§§4.1.*** *Storage and spreading of certain residual materials to restore the plant cover*

267.1. Storage in a sand pit, for reclamation purposes by spreading, and spreading one or more fertilizing residual materials referred to in subparagraphs 1 to 11, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 21 of the first paragraph of section 4 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code (chapter Q-2, r. 9.02) to restore the plant cover of the sand pit is eligible for a declaration of compliance, on the conditions set out in the second paragraph.

The following conditions apply to the activities referred to in the first paragraph:

(1) the fertilizing residual materials are classified by their generator as provided in the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code;

(2) the residual materials are not classified as out of class pursuant to section 5 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code;

(3) if digestates and composts are not certified as compliant with a BNQ standard in accordance with the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code, the materials consist exclusively of inputs that comply with lists 1.1 and 1.2 in Schedule II to the Code;

(4) the spreading of fertilizing residual materials takes place in compliance with the minimum distances prescribed in sections 76 to 80 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code;

(5) the fertilizing residual materials are not contaminated by hydrocarbons;

(6) the fertilizing residual materials are not from a materials treatment process designed to reduce the content of a chemical parameter other than those requiring analysis for fertilizing residual materials pursuant to the first paragraph of section 16 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code;

(7) the dosage of fertilizing residual materials is adjusted to meet the plant cover needs on the recommendation of an agronomist or forest engineer in accordance with section 61 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code, with the necessary modifications;

(8) the description sheet for the fertilizing residual materials referred to in section 32 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code is provided by the generator to the agronomist or forest engineer recommending the dosage;

(9) the fertilizing residual materials are not liquid or the dryness value is not less than 15%;

(10) the field storage of fertilizing residual materials or blend takes place in compliance with the conditions in sections 37, 38 and 50 to 58 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code;

(11) the spreading of fertilizing residual materials or blend takes place on soil that is neither frozen nor covered with snow.

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267.2. In addition to what is required by section 41, a declaration of compliance for an activity referred to in section 267.1 must include the following supplemental information and documents:

(1) the contact information for the place where the fertilizing residual material is generated, its type and classification;

(2) an attestation that the information entered in the register under section 22 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code (chapter Q-2, r. 9.02) is accurate and complete;

(3) a location plan compliant with section 89 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code;

(4) a declaration from an agronomist or an engineer attesting that the project complies with the Regulation respecting sand pits and quarries (chapter Q-2, r. 7.1) and the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 35.2).".

94. Section 268 is amended

(1) by replacing paragraph 1 by the following:

"(1) the quantity of each type of material stored on the lot is at all times less than or equal to

(*a*) 60 m^3 for non-woody green residue, other than dead leaves, and organic material sorted at source; and

(*b*) 120 m^3 for all other types of material;";

(2) by replacing ", with the exception of wood, cardboard, paper and leaves stored in bulk" in subparagraph *a* of paragraph 3 by "other than organic material sorted at source, paper, cardboard, woody material and green residue";

(3) by inserting the following after paragraph 4:

"(4.1) organic materials, other than paper, cardboard, woody material and dead leaves, are stored in a closed building or in containers that are closed or covered with an impermeable tarp;".

95. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following Subdivision after section 268:

"***§§5.1.*** *Used tires*

268.1. The shredding of used tires, without milling, and storage of the materials produced, carried out by a person qualified to reclaim them and does so for the person's own needs, is eligible for a declaration of compliance, on the following conditions:

(1) the shredding takes place

(*a*) in a closed building or in a shelter closed on at least 3 sides; and

(*b*) on a concrete or bituminous-covered surface;

(2) the materials produced are stored in a closed building or in containers that are closed or covered with an impermeable tarp;

(3) air dispersion modelling taking into account all the contamination sources present on the site has been performed in compliance with Schedule H to the Clean Air Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 4.1) and shows compliance with the air quality standards in Schedule K to that Regulation.

268.2. In addition to what is required by section 41, a declaration of compliance for an activity referred to in section 268.1 must include a declaration by a professional confirming that air dispersion modelling has been performed in compliance with Schedule H to the Clean Air Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 4.1) and shows compliance with the air quality standards in Schedule K to that Regulation.".

96. Section 269 is amended

(1) by inserting ", parking areas and traffic lanes of businesses and public institutions as well as cycle paths" in paragraph 1 after "roads";

(2) by replacing "winter" and "authorized activity" in paragraph 3 by, respectively, "road" and "activity carried on in accordance with this Regulation".

97. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 270:

"**270.1.** The storage and treatment of street-cleaning residue for reclamation purposes is eligible for a declaration of compliance, on the following conditions:

(1) the residue comes from spring cleaning operations along streets and roads, parking areas and traffic lanes of businesses and public institutions as well as cycle paths;

(2) the residue consists of sand and abrasives, and the treatment consists in removing contaminants and impurities;

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(3) following the treatment, the residue is reclaimed for an activity carried on in accordance with this Regulation or for a use permitted for its category, in accordance with the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials (chapter Q-2, r. 49), or the residue is used as a road abrasive if it complies with the limit values in Schedule I to the Land Protection and Rehabilitation Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 37) for metals and metalloids, petroleum hydrocarbons C_{10}-C_{50} and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs);

(4) the total impurities represent less than 1% by weight of the residual granular material and the light materials represent less than 0.1% of the residual granular material;

(5) the street-cleaning residue collected during the spring must have been characterized, conditioned, sieved and treated in such a manner that it is ready to be reclaimed before 1 December of the same year including, if applicable, any mixing with new material to attain the particle size required for the intended use;

(6) the storage of street-cleaning residue takes place on a watertight surface protected from the elements.

Despite subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph, the petroleum hydrocarbon C_{10}-C_{50} concentration may be greater than the limit values in Schedule I as long as it does not exceed the limit values in Schedule II to the Land Protection and Rehabilitation Regulation if it is shown by chromatographic testing that the excess is caused by the presence of bitumen from bitumen-coated particles present in the sample.

Sections 26 and 27 of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials do not apply to street-cleaning residue used as a road abrasive in accordance with subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph.".

98. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after 273:

"**273.1.** The storage on a raising or spreading site, for reclamation by spreading on a cultivated parcel, of compost produced in accordance with any of sections 252, 254.1 and 279 is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Division, on the condition that field storage takes place in compliance with sections 50, 51, 52 and 54 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code (chapter Q-2, r. 9.02).".

99. Section 274 is amended by inserting "252," in paragraph 3 after "section".

100. Section 275, amended by 28 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2026, is further amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(*a*) by striking out ", on a cultivated parcel," in subparagraph 1;

(*b*) by striking out ", on a cultivated parcel," in subparagraph 3;

(2) in the second paragraph,

(*a*) in subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 4,

i. by inserting "except in the case of the activity referred to in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph," before "the total volume";

ii. by replacing "150" by "500";

(*b*) by inserting "except in the case of the activity referred to in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph," in subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 5 before "the total volume".

101. Section 279 is amended in the first paragraph

(1) by striking out "when it is used by the operator" in the portion before subparagraph 1;

(2) by replacing "spread on parcels of land under cultivation" in the portion before subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 4.1 by "reclaimed".

102. The following is inserted after section 279.1:

"**279.2.** The storage and use of compost produced in closed thermophilic equipment in accordance with section 265 is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Division, on the condition that the use is not for a crop intended for human consumption.

279.3. The use elsewhere than on a raising or spreading site of compost produced in accordance with section 279 by the operator of the composting site is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Division.".

103. Section 280 is amended by replacing "ecocentre are" in the portion before paragraph 1 by "ecocentre or a storage area for residual materials to be reclaimed used by a municipality is".

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104. Section 281 is amended

(1) by replacing "generated by containers, packaging and printed matter referred to in sections 4 to 6, 8 and 9 of" in paragraph 1 by "described in";

(2) by replacing "the storage area for sorted materials is laid out on a concrete-covered or bituminous concrete-covered surface" in paragraph 4 by "the sorted materials are stored in closed containers or the storage area is laid out on a concrete or bituminous-covered surface".

105. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 281:

"**281.1.** The establishment and operation of a separate collection transfer station is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Division, on the following conditions:

(1) the materials accepted at the station are residual materials to which the Regulation respecting a system of selective collection of certain residual materials (chapter Q-2, r. 46.01) applies;

(2) the reception and transfer activities take place inside a closed building;

(3) the station areas are laid out on a concrete or bituminous-covered surface;

(4) no sorting or treatment of materials takes place on-site;

(5) at least once every 12 months, the operator inspects the concrete or bituminous-covered surfaces to detect and repair breakages and cracks;

(6) the site is laid out in a way that ensures access is controlled and the admissibility of the materials can be verified.

Despite subparagraphs 2 and 3 of the first paragraph, if the separate collection transfer station cannot be accessed by a year-round passable road,

(1) the materials may be transferred in containers that are closed or covered with an impermeable tarp as long as the materials being received are protected from the elements; and

(2) the station areas may be laid out on a compacted surface.".

106. Section 282 is amended

(1) by replacing "300" in paragraph 1 by "2,500";

(2) by replacing paragraph 4 by the following:

"(4) the storage areas for category 1 to 3 residual granular materials are laid out on a compacted surface in a way that prevents water accumulation;

(5) the storage areas for category 4 residual granular materials are laid out on a watertight surface and are protected from the elements;

(6) the materials stored on the site

(*a*) are stored separately by type of material, with the exception of a mixture of residual granular materials for a reclamation project authorized under section 22 of the Act or carried on in accordance with section 284 of this Regulation; and

(*b*) when exposed to the elements, are stored in a way that prevents water accumulation;

(7) the operator holds the attestation provided by the producer of the residual granular material in accordance with section 25.1 of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials or, if the user is the producer, holds the information and documents confirming the category of the material.";

(3) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"In the case where the total volume of materials stored on the lot exceeds 300 m^3, any water that has been in contact with the stored materials on the site and is discharged into the environment must have

(1) a pH between 6 and 9.5;

(2) a suspended matter concentration below or equal to 50 mg/l; and

(3) a petroleum hydrocarbon concentration (C_{10}-C_{50}) below or equal to 2 mg/l.".

107. Section 283 is amended by replacing "13" in paragraph 2 by "19".

108. Section 284 is amended

(1) by replacing subparagraph 6 by the following:

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"(6) the residual granular material is not used as surface covering and is covered, except if it is used for a road, parking lot or road shoulder other than that of an institution providing elementary education, a childcare centre or a day care centre; if the material is category 4 crushed stone within the meaning of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials and is reclaimed for road infrastructure work elsewhere than on the land where it was excavated, the covering must be impermeable;";

(2) in paragraph 8,

(*a*) by striking out "crushed stone or";

(*b*) by adding ", and the work is carried out in a way that prevents water accumulation in the area where the materials are reclaimed" at the end;

(3) by adding the following at the end:

"(9) if the material is category 4 crushed stone within the meaning of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials and is reclaimed elsewhere than on the land where it was excavated, the maximum contaminant concentration present in the land where the reclamation is carried out is equal to or greater than that of the contaminants present in the residual crushed stone for the family of metals and metalloids and PAHs and for the other contaminants taken individually.";

(4) by adding the following paragraphs at the end:

"Subparagraph 9 of the first paragraph does not apply to road infrastructure work on land constituting or that will constitute the bed of a roadway within the meaning of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2).

Despite the first paragraph, if the residual granular materials are used to manufacture a material referred to in section 27 of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials, only subparagraphs 2 and 3 of the first paragraph apply to that activity.".

109. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 284:

"**284.1.** The reclamation of category 1 residual crushed stone within the meaning of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials (chapter Q-2, r. 49) is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Division, on the condition that the user of the crushed stone holds the attestation provided by the producer of the material in accordance with section 25.1 of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials or, if the user is the producer, holds the information and documents confirming the category of the material.

Section 27 of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials does not apply to residual crushed stone referred to in the first paragraph.".

110. The heading of Subdivision 8 of Subdivision 4 of Division I of Chapter IV of Title III of Part II is amended by replacing "of certain materials" by "and treatment of used tires".

111. Section 285 is replaced by the following:

"**285.** The outside storage of used tires and their shredding, without milling, as well as the storage of the materials produced, for reclamation purposes, are exempted from authorization pursuant to this Division, on the following conditions:

(1) the total quantity of tires and materials produced on the lot is less than 2,000 whole tires and 135 m^3;

(2) the operator does not already carry on any of those activities within a radius of 500 m;

(3) the shredding takes place

(*a*) in a closed building or in a shelter closed on at least 3 sides; and

(*b*) on a concrete or bituminous-covered surface;

(4) the materials produced are stored in a closed building or in containers that are closed or covered with an impermeable tarp;

(5) the shredding does not take place by any other operator within a radius of 500 m.".

112. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following heading after section 286:

"***§§8.1.*** *Storage of certain materials*".

113. Section 287 is amended

(1) by replacing "if the storage is performed" in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by "including any treatment of the materials such as washing, repair or restoration, performed";

(2) by adding the following at the end of the first paragraph:

"(3) any other type of material or object for which storage or treatment for reclamation purposes is not specifically covered by this Regulation.";

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(3) by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

"The following conditions apply to the activities referred to in the first paragraph:

(1) the washing and repair takes place inside a closed building;

(2) the materials referred to in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph are stored in such a way that they are protected from the elements and in adequate preservation conditions allowing them to be re-used;

(3) wastewater, excluding domestic wastewater,

(*a*) is discharged into a sewer system governed by the Regulation respecting municipal wastewater treatment works (chapter Q-2, r. 34.1) or into a wastewater treatment system in lawful operation; and

(*b*) the daily flow of the discharged water is less than 10 m^3.".

114. Section 288 is amended by replacing "300" in paragraph 1 by "500".

115. The following is inserted after section 289:

"**289.1.** The storage of agricultural products described in section 53.0.8 of the Regulation respecting the recovery and reclamation of products by enterprises (chapter Q-2, r. 40.1), other than products that are hazardous materials, is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Division, on the following conditions:

(1) the total quantity of residual materials stored is less than 1,000 m^3;

(2) the storage period does not exceed 12 months.

289.2. The storage for reclamation purposes of inorganic residuals, unsoiled paper and cardboard and non-contaminated wood for not more than 5 days in a truck or container is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Division, on the condition that the truck or container is watertight or covered with an impermeable tarp.".

116. Section 290.3 is replaced by the following:

"**290.3.** The storage and use of one or more fertilizing residual materials referred to in subparagraphs 2, 6, 15, 19 and 21 of the first paragraph of section 4 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code (chapter Q-2, r. 9.02) as part of an activity to develop or maintain green spaces, is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Division, on the following conditions:

(1) the user of the fertilizing residual materials is in possession of a written attestation from the generator of the materials confirming that

(*a*) the fertilizing residual materials are free of any of the following materials:

i. varnished, painted, stained or treated wood, engineered wood or oriented strandboard, plywood or particleboard, as well as any wood from construction or demolition material sorting stations;

ii. viable parts of invasive exotic species that are likely to be propagated by the carrying on of the activity; and

iii. nails and other metal or plastic materials;

(*b*) for fertilizing residual materials other than wood chips or dead leaves, they are also free of

i. material contaminated by hydrocarbons;

ii. a digestate that does not consist exclusively of inputs that comply with lists 1.1 and 1.2 in Schedule II to the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code, other than a material certified as compliant with a BNQ standard in accordance with the Code; and

iii. any material from construction or demolition material sorting stations, other than gypsum and fertilizing residual materials referred to in item *g* within the scope of BNQ standard 0419-090 "Inorganic Soil Conditioners – Liming Materials from Industrial Processes" (2021);

(*c*) according to the description sheet referred to in section 32 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code, the fertilizing residual materials have been classified C1-P1-O1-E1 by the generator pursuant to the Code, other than ash certified as compliant with the CAN/BNQ standard 0419-090 and wood chips;

(*d*) if the residual fertilizing materials appear in list 2 in Schedule II to the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code, they are not out of class;

(*e*) if the residual fertilizing materials are listed in Table 10 in Schedule I to the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code, they are not out of class according to Table 11 in that Schedule; and

(*f*) the residual fertilizing materials do not originate from a materials treatment process designed to reduce the content of a chemical parameter other than those requiring analysis for fertilizing residual materials pursuant to the first paragraph of section 16 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code;

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(2) the residual fertilizing material has a dryness value equal to or greater than 20%;

(3) the storage and use of the fertilizing residual materials takes place

(a) during the same calendar year; and

(*b*) on soil that is not snow-covered and, for use, not frozen;

(4) for storage,

(*a)* the storage area is laid out in a way that prevents water accumulation and so that runoff does not reach the fertilizing residual materials;

(*b*) the total volume on the site is at all times less than 50 m^3 for dead leaves, grass, digestates and macrophytes and less than 300 m^3 for other fertilizing residual materials; and

(*c*) field storage of fertilizing residual materials other than wood chips and dead leaves takes place in compliance with the conditions in sections 37, 38, 50 and 54 to 57 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code;

(5) in the case of the spreading

(*a*) of wood chips and dead leaves only, the total thickness of the material spread on the soil during development and maintenance of the green space does not exceed 15 cm, a maximum of 10 cm of which consists of dead leaves; and

(*b*) of other fertilizing residual materials, used with or without wood chips or dead leaves,

i. the fertilizing residual materials are incorporated into the soil after the spreading, except when used as mulch;

ii. the fertilized layer does not exceed 20 cm in thickness for herbaceous species or 40 cm for woody species; and

iii. the amount of fertilizing residual material is adjusted so that it is limited to the amendment or fertilization needs of the vegetation, preserves soil and water quality and complies with the use recommendations and instructions provided by the distributor or generator of the fertilizing residual material, as applicable;

(6) the fertilizing residual material may be mixed on the reclamation site with soil from the place of origin, before it is spread on the site.".

117. Section 290.6 is replaced by the following:

"**290.6.** The storage for sale for domestic use of fertilizing residual materials referred to in section 100 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code (chapter Q-2, r. 9.02) is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Division, on the following conditions:

(1) the storage area is laid out on a compacted surface in a way that prevents water accumulation and so that runoff does not reach the materials;

(2) the total volume of materials on the site is less than 300 m^3 at all times;

(3) the material is sold in compliance with the Fertilizers Act (R.S.C. 1985, c. F-10).".

118. Section 290.7 is amended

(1) by inserting "a trench landfill site," in the portion before paragraph 1 after "final cover of";

(2) by replacing paragraph 1 by the following:

"(1) the operator holds the description sheet referred to in section 32 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code;".

119. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following Subdivision after section 290.9:

"***§§8.7.*** *Storage and use of topsoil as support for vegetation*

290.10. The storage and use of all-purpose topsoil as support for vegetation is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Division if the topsoil is produced as provided in the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code (chapter Q-2, r. 9.02).

290.11. The production, storage and use of all-purpose topsoil consisting of wood waste or compost is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Division, on the following conditions:

(1) the total volume of topsoil produced is less than 150 m^3 per 12-month period;

(2) the total volume of topsoil and fertilizing residual materials stored on the production site is less than 150 m^3 at all times;

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(3) the materials used to produce the topsoil consist exclusively of those referred to in section 101.17 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code (chapter Q-2, r. 9.02), amended by the Regulation to amend the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*;

(4) the operator does not already carry on that activity on the same lot or within a radius of 500 m;

(5) the soil used as an input does not contain contaminants from human activity, including metals and metalloids, monocyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (MAHs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) or petroleum hydrocarbons (C_{10}-C_{50});

(6) all topsoil is removed from the site or is used within 12 months after being produced.

An operator carrying on the activity referred to in the first paragraph must enter the following information in a register for each field pile of topsoil or fertilizing residual materials:

(1) its location on the production site;

(2) the origin of the soil and, if applicable, of the fertilizing residual materials, the promoter responsible for the fertilizing residual materials, their analysis results and the description sheet referred to in section 32 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code.

290.12. The storage and use of restricted-use topsoil within the meaning of section 101.10 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code (chapter Q-2, r. 9.02), amended by the Regulation to amend the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*, as support for land vegetation is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Division, on the following conditions:

(1) the producer of the restricted-use topsoil produces and provides to the user the topsoil description sheet referred to in section 101.12 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code confirming that the topsoil complies with the conditions of sections 101.11 and 101.18 of the Code;

(2) the maximum contaminant concentration of the receiving site is equal to or greater than the contaminants present in the restricted-use topsoil for the ordinary contaminant families, namely metals, metalloids, petroleum hydrocarbons (C_{10}-C_{50}) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and for the other contaminants taken individually.".

120. Section 291 is amended

(1) by replacing "the materials are stored" in paragraph 2 by "the storing, crushing and sieving of the materials take place";

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"Despite subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph, in the absence of sufficient space on the site and if the operator is a municipality, the government or one of its bodies, the materials may be stored on another site owned or managed by that operator, as applicable, on the following conditions:

(1) the maximum volume of materials stored on that other site is less than or equal to 300 m^3 at all times;

(2) the storage areas for uncrushed and unsieved residual materials and category 1 to 3 residual granular materials within the meaning of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials (chapter Q-2, r. 49) are laid out on a compacted surface in a way that prevents water accumulation;

(3) the storage areas for category 4, out of class and uncategorized residual granular materials within the meaning of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials are laid out on a watertight surface and are protected from the elements.".

121. Section 291.3, amended by section 29 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2026, is further amended by replacing "concerning" in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph by "relating to storage in watertight works of".

122. Section 291.5 is amended by replacing the first and second paragraphs by the following:

"The validity period of an authorization issued for an activity referred to in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 291.1 is, as applicable,

(1) not more than 5 months for storage in a works;

(2) not more than 12 months for field storage on a raising or spreading site; and

(3) not more than 3 years for field storage on a site where a forest development activity is carried on.

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The validity period of an authorization issued for an activity referred to in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 291.1 is, as applicable,

(1) not more than 12 months for an activity on a raising or spreading site; and

(2) not more than 3 years for an activity on a site where a forest development activity is carried on.".

123. Section 291.8 is amended by replacing "a blend" in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by "one or several".

124. Section 291.9 is amended

(1) by inserting ", mixed or not with livestock waste," in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph after "and the material";

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"Despite the second paragraph, in the case of a blend of fertilizing residual materials, the materials may be out of class for Class C with regard to the chemical parameters of arsenic, cobalt, chromium, copper, molybdenum, nickel, selenium and zinc as long as the blend itself is not out of class.".

125. Section 291.14, amended by section 31 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2026, is further amended by replacing "do not apply to the activities referred to in sections 291.19, 291.20, 291.21 and 291.23" in the second paragraph by "apply to the activities referred to in sections 291.19, 291.20, 291.21 and 291.23 only to the extent provided in those sections".

126. Section 291.18 is amended

(1) by striking out "municipal" in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph;

(2) by replacing "is a liming material referred to" and "I1" in subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph by, respectively, "appears" and "for the preventive investigative parameters";

(3) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"Despite the fifth paragraph, the fertilizing residual materials certified as compliant with a BNQ standard in accordance with the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code must be classed for the odour parameter as provided in section 9 of the Code.".

127. Section 291.20, amended by section 33 of the Regulation to amend the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2026, is further amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(*a*) by adding "or in subparagraph 3 of the second paragraph of section 254.1" at the end of subparagraph 9;

(*b*) by adding the following at the end:

"(12) treated or conditioned livestock waste;

(13) agricultural digestates referred to in section 101.3 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code (chapter Q-2, r. 9.02), amended by the Regulation to amend the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*;";

(2) in the second paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing subparagraph 1 by the following:

"(1) the storage and spreading are carried out

(*a*) for agricultural digestates, in compliance with Chapter VI.1 of the Fertilizing Residual Materials Management Code; and

(*b*) for the other materials, in compliance with the Agro-Environmental Practices Regulation, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2026, as regards the storage and spreading of livestock waste;";

(*b*) by adding "kept by the operator" at the end of subparagraph *b* of subparagraph 3.

128. Section 291.22 is amended by inserting "or 58" in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph after "section 53".

129. Section 295 is amended by replacing "new or used treated wood," in paragraph 1 by "treated wood".

130. Section 301 is amended by replacing "the plans and specifications of the apparatus or equipment and their technical information sheet and" by "the technical information sheets for the apparatus or equipment or, if it was designed or modified specifically for the project, its plans and specifications and the".

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131. Section 302 is amended

(1) in paragraph 4,

(*a*) by replacing "waste brick, concrete, cement, bituminous concrete or architectural stone" in subparagraph *h* by "residual materials listed in section 14 of the Regulation respecting the reclamation of residual materials (chapter Q-2, r. 49)";

(*b*) by replacing subparagraph *i* by the following:

"*(i*) a cement works, for its sporadic emission sources, except for a clinker kiln and cooler;

(*j*) a plant for the primary processing of wood and wood products;

(*k*) a sand pit or a quarry.";

(2) by striking out by paragraph 5.

132. The following is inserted after section 303:

"**303.1.** The installation, replacement, modification and operation of an apparatus or equipment designed to prevent, abate or stop the release of particles into the atmosphere, in an industrial establishment the operation of which is authorized under subparagraph 1 or 10 of the first paragraph or the second paragraph of section 22 of the Act, are eligible for a declaration of compliance, on the following conditions:

(1) in the case of a modification or replacement, the performance and effectiveness of the new apparatus or equipment is equal to or greater than the performance and effectiveness of the initial apparatus or equipment;

(2) the release of contaminants into the atmosphere is not increased;

(3) the contaminants emitted into the atmosphere consist solely of particles;

(4) the apparatus or equipment does not regroup and reconfigure the industrial establishment's sources of release;

(5) air dispersion modelling has been performed in compliance with section 202 and Schedule H to the Clean Air Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 4.1), shows compliance with the air quality standards in Schedule K to that Regulation and forms an integral part of the holder's authorization for the operation of the industrial establishment.

303.2. In addition to what is required by section 41, a declaration of compliance for an activity referred to in section 303.1 must include a declaration from an engineer attesting that

(1) the apparatus or equipment allows the contaminant discharge standards set out in the Clean Air Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 4.1) to be met; and

(2) in the case of a modification or replacement, the performance and effectiveness of the new apparatus or equipment is equal to or greater than the performance and effectiveness of the initial apparatus or equipment.".

133. Section 305 is amended by replacing "applicant" in the second paragraph by "declarant".

134. Section 306 is amended

(1) by replacing "temporary power station referred to in paragraph 4" in subparagraph *a* of paragraph 2 by "power station referred to in paragraph 4 or 5";

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"(4) the installation and operation of an apparatus or equipment designed to prevent, abate or stop the release of contaminants into the atmosphere that is used only in the event of accidental release;

(5) the installation and operation of an apparatus or equipment designed to prevent, abate or stop the release of contaminants into the atmosphere that is used to temporarily replace another previously authorized apparatus or other equipment of the same nature that is out of service for maintenance or repair;

(6) the installation and operation of an apparatus or equipment designed to prevent, abate or stop the release of contaminants into the atmosphere from a floating roof pursuant to section 45 of the Clean Air Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 4.1);

(7) the installation and use of a disposable filter in an establishment where activities to apply paint for industrial or commercial purposes are carried on.".

135. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after the heading of Subdivision 1 of Division II of Chapter VI of Title III of Part II:

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"*§§1. Activities eligible for a declaration of compliance*

"**306.1.** The installation and use of natural gas combustion appliances with a total power equal to or greater than 3,000 kW but not exceeding 5,000 kW is eligible for a declaration of compliance if air dispersion modelling has been performed in compliance with Schedule H to the Clean Air Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 4.1) and the modelling shows compliance with the air quality standards in Schedule K to that Regulation.

306.2. In addition to what is required by section 41, a declaration of compliance for an activity referred to in section 306.1 must include a declaration from an engineer attesting that

(1) the installation and use of the apparatus is compliant with the standards set out in the Clean Air Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 4.1); and

(2) air dispersion modelling has been performed as provided by section 306.1.

"*§§2. Exempted activities".*

136. Section 310 is amended by replacing "the location plan required, the location of" in paragraph 2 by "a location plan showing".

137. Section 313, replaced by section 13 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended by replacing "and minor soil grading" in paragraph 4 by ", minor soil grading and any temporary intervention".

138. Section 316, replaced by section 14 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended

(1) by striking out ", over an area equal to or greater than 75 m^2 but less than 2,000 m^2," in the portion before paragraph 1;

(2) by replacing paragraph 1 by the following:

"(1) if the work is carried out in a littoral zone, it does not involve the common water reed (*Phragmites australis* (Cav.) Trin. ex Steud. subsp. *australis*);";

(3) by adding the following at the end:

"(4) the work is carried out over an area of at least 75 m^2, but less than 2,000 m^2, except in a littoral zone, where the work cannot exceed an area of 500 m^2.".

139. Section 319, replaced by section 14 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended by inserting "other than insertion of a culvert" in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph after "modification".

140. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 319:

"**319.1.** Work that causes encroachment into a wetland or body of water for a period of not more than 6 months, other than work covered by another provision in this Chapter, is eligible for a declaration of compliance, on the following conditions:

(1) the work does not take place in a littoral zone or a peatland;

(2) the tree clearing required is for trees not more than 4 m in height;

(3) it is not possible to carry out the work elsewhere than in the wetland or body of water;

(4) the encroachment is of an area not exceeding

(*a*) 300 m^2 in a wetland, flood zone or long-term channel migration zone; or

(*b*) 100 m^2 on a riverbank or lakeshore or in a short-term channel migration zone.".

141. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after 323:

"**323.1.** The construction of a boardwalk is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Division, on the following conditions:

(1) the total permanent encroachment of the boardwalk is over an area not exceeding

(*a*) 5 m^2, if the work takes place in a littoral zone; or

(*b*) 30 m^2, if the work takes place on a riverbank or lakeshore or in a flood zone or channel migration zone;

(2) the right of way of the boardwalk does not exceed 3 m.

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For the purposes of this section, subparagraph 1 does not apply to work that takes place in a wetland present in the places referred to in that subparagraph.".

142. Section 325, replaced by section 14 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended by striking out "that is not already covered by this Chapter" in the portion before paragraph 1.

143. Section 330, replaced by section 14 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "possible movement" in the portion before subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 3 by "the hydrogeomorphology";

(*b*) by replacing subparagraphs 4, 5 and 6 by the following:

"(4) in the cases described in the second paragraph, a document signed by an engineer containing

(*a*) a description of the project's hydraulic impacts on the water flow regime upstream and downstream of the work site or works involved, including information on the water flow speed, the water level, sheer stress and issues caused by ice jams, if applicable, such as the generation of frazil ice, accumulation of ice fragments or mechanical erosion by ice;

(*b*) the measures proposed to prevent or mitigate the hydraulic impacts described in subparagraph *a*; and

(*c*) a declaration from the engineer attesting that, in view of the project's hydraulic impacts and the mitigation measures proposed,

i. the work and works are designed and carried out in such a manner as to not compound flooding, erosion and sedimentation issues upstream and downstream of the body of water involved; and

ii. the work and works are designed in such a manner as to not increase impediments to the flow of ice or worsen issues caused by ice jams upstream and downstream of the body of water involved;";

(*c*) by striking out subparagraph 8;

(2) by inserting the following after the first paragraph:

"The document referred to in subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph is required for every project carried out in a flood zone and in the following cases:

(1) construction of a road;

(2) construction of a bridge or culvert;

(3) construction and dismantling of a retaining works;

(4) construction of a port infrastructure;

(5) installation of a weir;

(6) construction of groin systems, breakwaters and jetties;

(7) construction of a quay that is not a floating quay, open pile quay or wheeled quay;

(8) construction of stabilization works using inert materials;

(9) sedimentary nourishment work over an area of or greater than 1,000 m^2;

(10) development of a watercourse altering its geometry, except if the development is to reduce the slope of an embankment over a length of not more than 30 m;

(11) dredging work over an area of or greater than 1,000 m^2.".

144. Section 331, replaced by section 14 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended by replacing the portion before subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by the following:

"(2) the construction of a culvert and stabilization works associated with it, if section 319 or 326 does not apply to the construction, on the following conditions:".

145. Section 333, replaced by section 14 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended by inserting the following before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph:

"(0.1) the work is not carried out in a channel migration zone;".

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146. Section 336, replaced by section 14 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended by replacing "that is not otherwise exempted" in the first paragraph by "requiring fill or excavation work".

147. Section 339, replaced by section 14 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph

(1) by replacing "are exempted" by "is exempted";

(2) by inserting "referred to in section 319, 326 or 331" after "culvert".

148. Section 341, replaced by section 14 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "or storm water management system" in the portion before subparagraph 1 by ", a storm water management system or any other type of wastewater drainage channel";

(*b*) by replacing "or" in the portion before subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 1 by "and other types of channels as well as";

(*c*) by replacing "if the system has a" in subparagraph 4 by "in the case of a";

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end of the second paragraph:

"The conditions in subparagraphs 2 and 3 of the first paragraph do not apply to construction of an agricultural drainage system used in the cultivation of non-aquatic plants and mushrooms in a littoral zone or on a riverbank or lakeshore in accordance with the Regulation respecting activities in wetlands, bodies of water and sensitive areas made by Order in Council 721-2025 dated 11 June 2025 and with the Agro-Environmental Practices Regulation, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 February 2026.".

149. Section 341.4, made by section 14 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended

(1) by replacing "the management of vegetation for landscaping purposes" in paragraph 6 by "landscaping work";

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"(7) the construction of a withdrawal facility to supply water for human consumption to a residential building for a maximum of 20 persons.".

150. Section 341.5, made by section 14 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended by adding the following at the end of the first paragraph:

"(4) the burial of carcasses or body parts of marine animals on the shore or in the littoral zone where they washed up, carried out as provided in section 75.2.".

151. Section 341.6, made by section 14 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended by adding the following at the end:

"(5) the construction of a system for the discharge, collection or disposal of wastewater to serve a building or site to which the Regulation respecting wastewater disposal systems for isolated dwellings (chapter Q-2, r. 22) applies, including the addition of an outlet in the littoral zone, if applicable;

(6) the construction of a groundwater withdrawal facility referred to in the first paragraph of section 11 of the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation (chapterQ-2, r. 35.2);";

(7) the installation of a restraint pen in the littoral zone for the raising of benthic echinoderms.".

152. Section 345, replaced by section 21 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended by replacing subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph by the following:

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"(3) if the work is carried out in a forested wetland in the balsam fir-paper birch and black spruce-moss bioclimatic domains, the construction over an area of not more than 3,000 m^2 of the following works, buildings and infrastructures:

(*a*) a residential building not connected to a waterworks system or a sewer system authorized under the Act, and its accessory works and buildings;

(*b*) if they relate to a building described in subparagraph *a*,

i. a system for the discharge, collection or disposal of wastewater; and

ii. a groundwater withdrawal facility to serve the residential building;

(3.1) the construction of a system for the discharge, collection or disposal of wastewater to serve a building or place already present on the land, to which the Regulation respecting waste water disposal systems for isolated dwellings (chapter Q-2, r. 22) applies;

(3.2) the construction of a groundwater withdrawal facility referred to in the first paragraph of section 11 of the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation (chapterQ-2, r. 35.2) to supply a building already present on the land;".

153. Section 345.1, amended by section 22 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is further amended by replacing "maple stands with bitternut hickory and maple stands with linden" in subparagraph *a* of paragraph 2 by "sugar maple-bitternut hickory and sugar maple-basswood".

154. Section 345.2, made by section 23 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended

(1) by inserting "and a residential access" in the portion before paragraph 1 after "temporary road";

(2) by inserting "or residential access" in paragraph 2 after "road";

(3) by inserting "or residential access" in paragraph 4 after "road";

(4) by inserting "or residential access" in paragraph 5 after "road";

(5) by replacing "If the construction of a road is" in the second paragraph by "In the case of construction of a road".

155. The following is inserted after section 345.3, made by section 23 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025:

"**345.4.** The laying out of a trail, other than a trail referred to in sections 345.2 and 345.3, is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Division, on the following conditions:

(1) no ditch is laid out;

(2) the right of way does not exceed 3 m in width;

(3) the trail surface is not made impervious;

(4) the work is carried out when the load-bearing capacity of the soil so permits to avoid the creation of ruts.".

156. Section 347 is amended by replacing "balsam fir stands with paper birch and black spruce stands with moss" by "balsam fir-paper birch and spruce-moss".

157. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after the heading of Chapter III of Title IV of Part II:

"**DIVISION I**
ACTIVITIES REQUIRING AUTHORIZATION".

158. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 351:

"**DIVISION II**
EXEMPTED ACTIVITIES

351.1. Work to demolish and remove a slab of concrete, an asphalt overlay or their granular foundation on land that has been used as a residual materials elimination site and is now disused is exempted from authorization pursuant to this Chapter, on the following conditions:

(1) the work is not intended to change the use of the land;

(2) the work does not compromise the existing overlay above the residual materials and does not expose them.".

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159. Section 352 is amended by striking out paragraphs 3.1 and 4.

160. Section 353, amended by section 26 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is further amended

(1) by inserting ", paragraph 1 of section 206.1" in paragraph 2 after "section 111";

(2) by replacing "or the second paragraph of section 287" in paragraph 3 by ", subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph of section 281.1, the second paragraph of section 287 or paragraph 1 of section 290.6".

161. Section 354 is replaced by the following:

"**354.** A monetary administrative penalty of $750 in the case of a natural person or $3,500 in other cases may be imposed on any person who fails to comply with the requirements of section 8 concerning a layout, infrastructure, works, facility, equipment or any other apparatus for the subsequent carrying on of an activity.".

162. Section 354.2 is amended by replacing "or paragraph 1 of section 270" in paragraph 1 by ", paragraph 1 of section 270 or the second paragraph of section 282".

163. Section 355 is amended by striking out paragraph 4.

164. Section 356, amended by section 27 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact made by Order in Council 720-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is further amended

(1) by inserting "paragraph 1 of section 206.1," after "section 206,";

(2) by striking out "the second paragraph of section 277,";

(3) by inserting "subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph of section 281.1 or" after "section 279,";

(4) by striking out "or the second paragraph of section 305".

165. Section 357 is amended by striking out "or 9".

166. Section 357.2 is amended by replacing "or paragraph 1 of section 270" by ", paragraph 1 of section 270 or the second paragraph of section 282".

167. Section 364 is amended

(1) by replacing "until the renewal date for the authorization occurring after 14 August 2024" in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by "until 14 February 2028";

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"Section 166 applies to this section.".

168. Schedule I is amended by striking out "the construction or" in paragraph 5.

169. Schedule II is amended by striking out paragraph 19.

170. Schedule III is replaced by the following:

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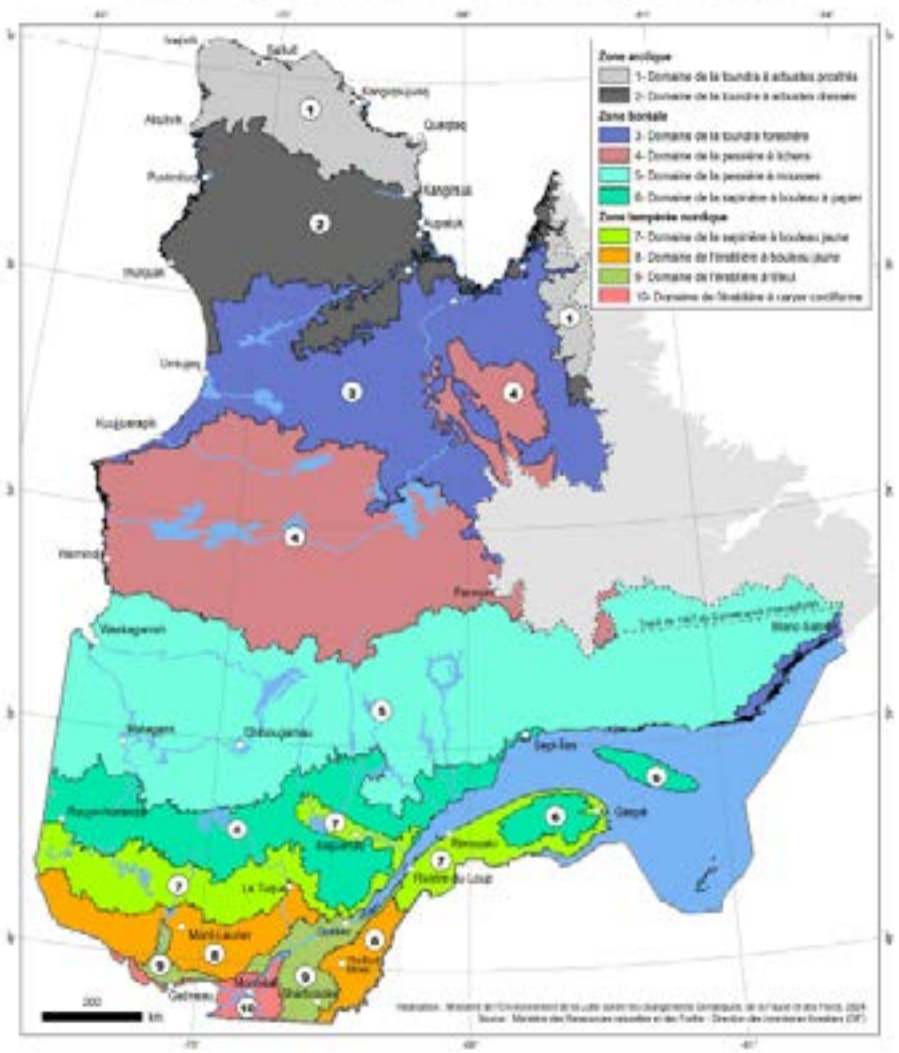
“**SCHEDULE III**
(s. 4)

BIOCLIMATIC DOMAINS

When an activity is carried out in the territory of a municipality that overlaps more than one bioclimatic domain, the bioclimatic domain applicable to the activity is the domain that represents the largest part of the territory of the municipality.

Zones de végétation et domaines bioclimatiques du Québec



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TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL

171. All research and experimental work referred to in section 55 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1) for which a declaration of compliance has been filed before (*insert the date of coming into force of section 23 of this Regulation*) must be completed not later than (*insert the date that is 36 months after the date of coming into force of section 23 of this Regulation*) or an application for authorization must be made with the Minister to continue work after that date.

172. Every application for the issue, amendment to or renewal of a ministerial authorization made to the Minister under the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) and pending on the date of coming into force of a provision of this Regulation relating to the relevant activity is continued and decided in accordance with that provision.

If an application is for an activity that is exempted from a ministerial authorization as of the date of coming into force of a provision of this Regulation relating to the activity, the application is continued and decided only as regards the activities that remain subject to a ministerial authorization or to an amendment to or renewal of the authorization under the Environment Quality Act. The fee that applies to the portion of the application relating to such an exempted activity is refundable on request.

173. A person that has filed an application for the issue, amendment to or renewal of a ministerial authorization under the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) before the date of coming into force of a provision of this Regulation pertaining to the information and documents to be provided with the application relating to the relevant activity, need not file the new information and documents.

174. A person that is awaiting the issue, amendment to or renewal of a ministerial authorization under the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) for an activity before the date of coming into force of a provision of this Regulation pertaining to the activity, and the activity is eligible as of that date for a declaration of compliance, may file a declaration of compliance for that activity with the Minister.

The documents required for the declaration of compliance that have already been filed with the application for authorization, amendment or renewal need not be filed again.

The fee for the declaration of compliance is not payable if the fee for the application for authorization, amendment or renewal has been deposited.

175. A person that has filed a declaration of compliance in accordance with the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) before the date of coming into force of a provision of this Regulation pertaining to the relevant activity and, on that date, has not yet carried out the activity covered by the declaration of compliance, must comply with the conditions of eligibility for a declaration of compliance set out in the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1) that applied to the activity at the time the declaration of compliance was sent to the Minister.

176. This Regulation comes into force on (*insert the date that is 15 days after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec*) except

(1) sections 21, 22, 29, 54, 64, 102, 105, 109, 115, 116, 141, 155, 157 and 158 which come into force on (*insert the date that is 90 days after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec*); and

(2) sections 5, 9, 10, 12 to 14, 17, 18, 23 to 26, 31 to 37, 41 to 53, 57, 59, 63, 69, 70, 72 to 74, 79 to 81, 83 to 98, 123, 124, 126, 130 to 133, 135, 136 to 140, 142 to 146 and 167 which come into force on (*insert the date that is 180 days after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec*).

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Draft Regulation

Securities Act
(chapter V-1.1)

Securities Regulation
—Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Securities Regulation, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The main purpose of the draft Regulation is to amend the Securities Regulation (chapter V-1.1, r. 50) in order to modify the fees payable by dealers, advisors and representatives, impose fees on recognized stock exchanges, determine costs for inspections and investigations, provide for the indexation, on 1 January of each year, of the costs and fees payable according to the rate of increase in the Consumer Price Index for Canada and prescribe that the result of that indexation is published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, and impose an administrative monetary penalty on any issuer or firm underwriter that fails to file a report of exempt distribution.

The draft Regulation will impact enterprises in the securities sector given the changes to the fees payable to the Autorité des marchés financiers.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Jean-Hubert Smith-Lacroix, coordinator, développement législatif et réglementaire, Direction principale du droit corporatif et des politiques relatives au secteur financier, Ministère des Finances, 390, boulevard Charest Est, Québec (Québec) G1K 3H4; telephone: 418 646-7466; email: Jean-Hubert.Smith-Lacroix@finances.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Jean-Hubert Smith-Lacroix at the above contact information.

ERIC GIRARD
Minister of Finance

Regulation to amend the Securities Regulation

Securities Act
(chapter V-1.1, s. 331, pars. (9), (11), (11.1) and (12)).

1. The heading of Chapter II of Title VI of the Securities Regulation (chapter V-1.1, r. 50) is replaced by the following:

"**CHAPTER II**
"FEES AND COSTS PAYABLE"

2. Section 267 of the Regulation ifs amended:

(1) in the first paragraph:

(*a*) by replacing "$1,381" in subparagraph 1 by "$2,000";

(*b*) by replacing "$1,243" in subparagraph 1.1 by "$1,800";

(*c*) in subparagraph 3:

(i) by deleting "price fixing" and "to a shelf prospectus" in the text preceding subparagraph *a;*

(ii) by replacing "Québec" by "Canada" in subparagraph *b*;

(*d*) by replacing "Québec" by "Canada" in subparagraph *b* of subparagraph 8;

(*e*) by deleting subparagraph 9;

(*f*) by replacing "$142" in subparagraph 10 by "$346";

(2) by inserting the following after the second paragraph:

"Where a prospectus in its final version or a pricing supplement to a preliminary shelf prospectus is filed by a well-known seasoned issuer, within the meaning of section 9B.1 of Regulation 44-102 respecting Shelf Distributions, the fees mentioned in subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph are a minimum of $6,905.".

3. Section 268 of the Regulation is amended in the first paragraph:

(1) by replacing "$1,343" in subparagraph 1 by "the fees paid during the last financial year under subparagraph 1 of section 267";

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(2) by replacing, in subparagraph 1.1, "$1,209 in the case of a continuous distribution of mutual funds or $6,043 in the case of a money market fund" by "the fee paid during the last financial year under subparagraph 1.1 of section 267".

4. Section 268.1 of the Regulation is amended by replacing "$1,409" by "$2,000".

5. Section 270 of the Regulation is amended:

(1) by replacing, in the introductory clause, "by a savings and credit union of permanent shares referred to in section 73 of the Savings and Credit Unions Act (chapter C-4.1)" by "capital shares referred to in section 55 of the Act respecting financial services cooperations (chapter C-67.3)";

(2) by replacing, in paragraph 1, "permanent" and "savings and credit unions affiliated with a federation belonging to a confederation" by, respectively, "capital" and "credit unions that are members of a federation";

(3) by replacing, in paragraph 2, "confederation" and "savings and credit unions" by, respectively, "federation" and "credit unions";

6. Section 271.2 of the Regulation is amended:

(1) by replacing, in paragraph 1, "the issuer" and "$2,820" by, respectively, "an issuer, other than an investment fund," and "$5,000";

(2) in paragraph 2:

(*a*) by inserting ", other than an investment fund," after "paragraph 1";

(*b*) by replacing "$1,409" by "$2,000";

(3) by replacing, in paragraph 3, "the issuer" and "$704" by, respectively, "an issuer" and "and other than an investment fund, $1,000":

(4) by replacing "a mutual fund" in paragraph 4 by "an issuer that is an investment fund";

(5) by replacing "$142" in paragraph 7 by "$1,000";

(6) by adding the following paragraphs at the end:

"(10) at the time of filing an application for a full or partial revocation of a cease trade order, $2,000;

(11) at the time of filing a geological report, $1,000.".

7. Section 271.4 of the Regulation is amended by replacing all occurrences of "$1,409" by "$2,000" in subparagraphs 1 and 1.1 of the first paragraph.

8. Section 271.4.1 of the Regulation is amended by replacing "$1,409" by "$2,000".

9. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 274.4.1:

"**271.4.2.** A fee of $2,000 is payable at the time an information circular is filed by an issuer other than an investment fund in the context of a special meeting of security holders to be held to consider the approval of a going private transaction, reorganization, merger, arrangement, or a similar business combination.".

10. Section 271.5 of the Regulation is amended:

(1) by replacing, in paragraph 1, "mutual fund dealer or a scholarship dealer" by "investment dealer, a mutual fund dealer or a dealer with a restricted practice";

(2) by replacing paragraph 1.1 by the following:

"(1.1) at the time of an application for registration as a dealer with a restricted practice, $10,000;"

(3) in paragraph 2:

(*a*) by deleting subparagraph *a*;

(*b*) by deleting, in subparagraph *b*, "of an investment dealer if they are not a member such a self-regulatory organization, or";

by inserting "to which the Authority has delegated the provisions concerning registration," after "regulatory organization";

(*c*) by deleting, in subparagraph *d*, "of a mutual fund dealer or";

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(4) by replacing paragraphs 2.1 and 3 by the following:

"(2.1) at the time of an application for registration as chief compliance officer or ultimate designated person of an adviser, an investment fund manager, a dealer with a restricted practice, an exempt market dealer, or a scholarship plan dealer, $516;

(3) on December 31 of each year, in the case of an investment dealer:

(*a*) $516;

(*b*) $61, for each representative registered at that date, other than those who ceased their activity;

(*c*) $26, for each establishment, an establishment being a location where a registered dealer carries on its activities.";

(5) by replacing paragraph 4.1. by the following:

"(4.1) on December 31 of each year, $55 in the case of a mutual fund dealer and $219 in the case of a scholarship plan dealer for each representative registered at the end of the financial year, excluding those who ceased their activity;";

(6) by replacing "$421" in subparagraph *b* of paragraph 6 by "$516";

(7) by deleting paragraph 8;

(8) by replacing "$690" in paragraph 11 by "$1,500";

11. Section 271.5.1 of the Regulation is revoked.

12. Section 271.6 of the Regulation is amended:

(1) by replacing paragraph 1 by the following:

"(1) at the time of an application for an exemption from a requirement under the Securities Act, $2,000;

(2) by replacing "$704" in paragraph 1.1 by "$2,000";

(3) by inserting the following after paragraph 1.1:

"(1.1.1) at the time of an application for an exemption from recognition to carry on any of the activities engaged in by a person referred to in section 169 of the Act, $50,000;

(1.1.2) at the time of an application for an exemption from all requirements under one or more regulations made under the Act by a person referred to in section 169 of the Act, $10,000;";

(4) by inserting the following after paragraph 4:

"(4.1) at the time of filing an application for recognition to carry on any of the activities engaged in by a person referred to in section 169 of the Act, $100,000;";

(5) by adding the following after paragraph 6:

"(7) at the time of filing the notice referred to in subsection 8.18(5) or 8.26(5) of Regulation 31-103 respecting Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations (chapter V-1.1, r. 10) or the notice referred to in subsection 4(3) or (4) of Regulation 32-102 respecting Registration Exemptions for Non-Resident Investment Fund Managers (chapter V-1.1, r. 10.1), $3,000.";

(8) at the time of an application for a full or partial revocation of a cease trade order, $2,000.".

13. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 271.6:

"**271.6.1.** Fees of $2,000 are payable at the time of a pre-filing.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, "pre-filing" means a consultation with the Authority for a prospectus filing or for an application, initiated before the filing of the prospectus or the application, as the case may be, regarding the interpretation of securities legislation or securities directions or their application to a particular or proposed offering or to a particular transaction or matter or proposed transaction or matter, as the case may be.

The fee prescribed by this section is deducted from the fee payable at the time of filing the related prospectus or the related application. If the filing does not occur, the fee prescribed in the first paragraph is not refunded.".

14. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 271.12:

"**271.12.1**. The following fees are payable by a recognized stock exchange by 31 March of each year based on its market share in Canada for the 1 January to 31 December period preceding that 30 March:

(1) $22,500 where such market share is less than 5%;

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(2) $37,500 where such market share is 5% and more and less than 15%;

(3) $101,250 where such market share is 15% and more and less than 25%;

(4) $206,250 where such market share is 25% and more and less than 50%;

(5) $300,000 where such market share is 50% and more and less than 75%;

(6) $375,000 where such market share is 75% and more.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, "Canadian trading share" means, in relation to a recognized stock exchange, the average of the following for the 1 January to 31 December period referred to in the first paragraph:

(*a*) its share of the total dollar values of trades of securities listed on a Canadian stock exchange;

(*b*) its share of the total trading volume of securities listed on a Canadian stock exchange;

(*c*) its share of the total number of trades of securities listed on a Canadian stock exchange.

If two or more recognized stock exchanges belong to the same group, the fee prescribed by section 271.12.1 must be calculated as if the stock exchanges are a single entity and each recognized stock exchange is solidarily liable for payment of the fee.

The payment of the fees referred to in the first paragraph must be accompanied by the form provided in Schedule XX.

"**271.12.2.** A recognized stock exchange that is exempt from the Act must, by 31 March of each year, pay a fee of $7,500.

"**271.12.3.** A parallel trading system that is registered as a dealer under the Act must pay a fee of $10,000 by 31 March of each year.

"**271.12.4.** Costs of $120 an hour per inspector are payable by the dealer, adviser, investment fund manager, representative or investment fund within 30 days from the date of the statement of fees of the Authority for the preparation of an inspection, the inspection itself and follow-up on the recommendations.

"**271.12.5.** The investigation costs referred to in section 212 of the Act are $120 an hour per investigator.

"**271.12.6.** The fees and costs payable under this chapter are adjusted on 1 January of each year in accordance with the rate of increase of the overall consumer price index for Canada for the period ending on 30 September of the preceding year, as determined by Statistics Canada. They are rounded down to the nearest dollar if they include a dollar fraction lower than $0.50 and rounded up to the nearest dollar if they include a dollar fraction that is equal to or greater than $0.50.

The result of the annual adjustment is published, without delay, in Part 1 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* and the Bulletin of the Authority by the Authority.".

15. Section 271.13 of the Regulation is amended by inserting "per issuer" after "$5,000".

16. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 271.13:

"**271.13.1.** Any issuer or firm underwriter who contravenes subsections 6.1(2) and 6.2(2) of Regulation 45-106 respecting Prospectus Exemptions (chapter V-1.1, r. 21) for failure to file a report of exempt distribution is liable to an administrative monetary penalty of $100 per report for each business day during which such failure occurs, to a maximum amount of $5,000 per issuer or firm underwriter, as the case may be, during any given fiscal year of the Authority.".

17. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following Schedule XX:

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"**SCHEDULE XX**
FEES - RECOGNIZED STOCK EXCHANGE

(s. 271.12.1)

Name of recognized stock exchange: _____

Year of application (as of 2026)**:** _____

1. **Fees for the year of application**

The recognized stock exchange must indicate its market share in Canada for the specified period:

Description of market share in Canada	**% (to be indicated by the stock exchange)**
Line 1: share of the total dollar values of trades of securities listed on a Canadian stock exchange	
Line 2: share of the total trading volume of securities listed on a Canadian stock exchange	
Line 3: share of the total number of trades of securities listed on a Canadian stock exchange	
Line 4: average of Lines 1, 2 & 3 above	
Line 5: based on the average calculated on Line 4, the recognized stock exchange must pay the fee indicated in the corresponding column of the table below:	
Market share in Canada of less than 5% during the specified period	$22,500
Market share in Canada of 5% and more and less than 15% during the specified period	$37,500
Market share in Canada of 15% and more and less than 25% during the specified period	$101,250
Market share in Canada of 25% and more and less than 50% during the specified period	$206,250
Market share in Canada of 50% and more and less than 75% during the specified period	$300,000
Market share in Canada of 75% and more during the specified period	$375,000

2. Total fee payable: _____"

18. This Regulation comes into force on 22 June 2026.

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Draft Regulation

Derivatives Act
(chapter I-14.01)

Tariffs for costs and fees payable in respect of derivatives
— Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Tariffs for costs and fees payable in respect of derivatives, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation amends the Tariffs for costs and fees payable in respect of derivatives (chapter I-14.01, r. 2) in order to determine the cost per inspector payable by a market participant, lower the fees payable by dealers, advisers and representatives, amend the fees payable in the case of an exemption under section 86 of the Derivatives Act, impose fees to the regulated entities and reporting counterparties concerned, provide for the indexation, on 1 January of each year, of the costs and fees payable according to the rate of increase in the Consumer Price Index for Canada and prescribe that the result of that indexation is published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

The draft Regulation will impact the enterprises subject to the Tariffs for costs and fees payable in respect of derivatives in view of the changes to the fees payable to the Autorité des marchés financiers.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Jean-Hubert Smith-Lacroix, coordinator, développement législatif et réglementaire, Direction principale du droit corporatif et des politiques relatives au secteur financier, Ministère des Finances, 390, boulevard Charest Est, Québec (Québec) G1K 3H4; telephone: 418 646-7466; email: Jean-Hubert.Smith-Lacroix@finances.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Jean-Hubert Smith-Lacroix at the above contact information.

ERIC GIRARD
Minister of Finance

Regulation to amend the Tariffs for costs and fees payable in respect of derivatives

Derivatives Act
(chapter I-14.01, s. 174, pars. (4) and (5)).

1. The Tariffs for costs and fees payable in respect of derivatives (chapter I-14.01, r. 2) is amended by adding the following before section 1:

"**0.1** Costs of $120 per hour per inspector are payable by a market participant within 30 days from the date of the statement of fees of the Authority for the preparation of an inspection, the inspection itself and the follow-up on the recommendations."

2. Section 4 of the Regulation is amended by replacing "$7,047" by "$100,000".

3. Section 5 of the Regulation is amended:

(1) by replacing paragraphs 1 to 3 by the following:

"(1) at the time of an application for registration as an adviser, $2,071;

(2) at the time of an application for registration as a representative of an adviser, $516;

(3) on 31 December of each year:

(*a*) in the case of a dealer, $518;

(*b*) for each of its representatives registered on that date other than those who ceased their activity, $61;

(*c*) for each of its establishments, $26, an establishment being a location where the registered dealer carries on its activities;

(2) by replacing "$704" in paragraph 7 by "$1,500".

4. Section 6 of the Regulation is revoked.

5. Section 9 of the Regulation is replaced by the following:

"**9.** The following fees are payable at the time of an application for an exemption under section 86 of the Act:

(1) at the time of an application for an exemption from the requirement under section 12 of the Act, $50,000, except at the time of an application for an exemption from the requirement to be recognized as an exchange by a derivatives trading facility, $15,000;

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(2) at the time of an application for an exemption from all the requirements set out in one or more regulations made under the Act, $10,000;

(3) at the time of any other application for an exemption from one or more requirements under the Act or a regulation, $2,000.".

6. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 11:

"**12.** The following fees are payable by a regulated entity no later than 31 March of each year:

(1) $375,00 in the case of a regulated entity recognized as an exchange, and $7,500 where it is exempt from such recognition.

(2) $150,000 in the case of a regulated entity recognized as a clearing house, $50,000 in the case where it is recognized as a clearing house, but the Authority is reliant on the home regulator of the entity to primarily provide supervision of the entity's activities, and $5,000 in the case where it is exempt from recognition as a clearing house;

(3) $25,000 in the case of a regulated entity recognized as a trade repository;

(4) $10,000 in the case of a regulated entity recognized as a published market.

"**13.** A fee corresponding to the average quarterly notional amount outstanding for the applicable derivatives fee year payable by a fee payer is:

(1) $0 where the average quarterly notional amount is less than $3,000,000,000;

(2) $1,500 where the average quarterly notional amount is $3,000,000,000 and more and less than $7,500,000,000;

(3) $3,750 where the average quarterly notional amount is $7,5000,000,000 and more and less than $15,000,000,000;

(4) $7,500 where the average quarterly notional amount is $15,000,000,000 and more and less than $50,000,000,000;

(5) $25,000 where the average quarterly notional amount is $50,000,000,000 and more and less than $100,000,000,000;

(6) $50,000 where the average quarterly notional amount is $100,000,000,000 and more and less than $300,000,000,000;

(7) $100,000 where the average quarterly notional amount is $300,000,000,000 and more and less than $500,000,000,000;

(8) $225,000 where the average quarterly notional amount is $500,000,000,000 and more and less than $1,000,000,000,000;

(9) $375,000 where the average quarterly notional amount is $1,000,000,000,000 and more and less than $4,000,000,000,000;

(10) 675,000 where the average quarterly notional amount is $4,000,000,000,000 and more and less than $10,000,000,000,000;

(11) $950,000 where the average quarterly notional amount is $10,000,000,000,000 and more.

For the purposes of this section and section 14, a person is a fee payer in respect of a derivatives fee year when the following two conditions are met:

(1) for any derivative in respect of which a transaction occurred during the derivatives fee year, the person was a reporting counterparty as defined in Regulation 91-507 respecting Trade Repositories and Derivatives Data Reporting (chapter I-14.01, r. 1.1);

(2) the person was neither a recognized clearing house nor exempted by the Authority from the requirement to be recognized as a clearing house.

For the purposes of this section and section 14, the term "transaction" has the meaning given to it in section 1 of Regulation 91-507 respecting Trade Repositories and Derivatives Data Reporting.

For the purposes of this section and section 14, the term "derivatives fee year" means a one-year period commencing on 1 January and ending on 31 December of the current year.

"**14.** For the purposes of section 13, a fee payer's average quarterly notional amount outstanding for the derivatives fee year is determined with regard to each derivative required to be reported under Regulation 91-507 respecting Trade Repositories and Derivatives Data Reporting for which the fee payer is a counterparty and is calculated as follows:

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(1) for each quarter of the derivatives fee year, by determining the notional amount of the fee payer's outstanding positions as at the end of the last day of the quarter for derivatives reported under Regulation 91-507 respecting Trade Repositories and Derivatives Data Reporting, referenced in the currency of the outstanding position as reported under that regulation;

(2) by determining the notional amount referred to in subparagraph 1 for each currency, for all quarter-ends of the derivatives fee year;

(3) for each amount determined under subparagraph 2 in respect of each currency, other than the Canadian dollar, by calculating the Canadian dollar equivalent using the daily exchange rate for the last business day of the derivatives fee year as posted on the Bank of Canada website;

(4) by adding the amount determined under subparagraph 2 in respect of the Canadian dollar and the total Canadian dollar equivalent determined under subparagraph (3);

(5) by dividing the total determined under subparagraph 4 by four to obtain the fee payer's average quarterly notional amount outstanding for the derivatives fee year.

The payment required from a fee payer under section 13 in respect of a derivatives fee year must be made by the fee payer not more than 90 days after the end of the derivatives fee year.

Despite subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph, if the notional amount of an outstanding position is denominated in a currency for which the Bank of Canada does not post a daily exchange rate, the fee payer may calculate the Canadian dollar equivalent required under subparagraph (3) using the exchange rate posted by another central bank.

"**15.** The fees and costs payable are adjusted on 1 January of each year in accordance with the rate of increase of the overall consumer price index for Canada for the period ending on 30 September of the preceding year, as determined by Statistics Canada. They are rounded down to the nearest dollar if they include a dollar fraction lower than $0.50 and rounded up to the nearest dollar if they include a dollar fraction that is equal to or greater than $0.50.

The result of the annual adjustment is published, without delay, in Part 1 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* and the Bulletin of the Authority by the Authority.".

7. This Regulation comes into force on 22 June 2026.

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Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Water withdrawal and protection — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation makes a consequential amendment to take into account an amendment with respect to the scope of the expression "temporary industrial camp" proposed by the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

The draft Regulation also makes a consequential amendment to take into account an amendment with respect to the sending to the Minister of a report in support of an application for authorization made under the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) and the subsequent sending of the report proposed by the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Maude Durand, Director, Bureau de stratégie législative et réglementaire, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29e étage, boîte 14, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7; email: question.bslr@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Maude Durand at the above contact information.

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Regulation to amend the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, s. 46, par. 16, subpars. *j* and *l*).

1. Section 11 of the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 35.2), amended by section 1 of the Regulation to amend the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 19 November 2025, is further amended by replacing "80" in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by "100".

2. Section 75, amended by section 19 of the Regulation to amend the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 19 November 2025, is further amended

(1) by replacing "The first report must be sent to the Minister 6 years after water withdrawal operations begin. The second report must be sent 9 years after the transmission of the first report and the subsequent reports must then be sent every 5 years." in the second paragraph by "The first report must be sent to the Minister at the time of the application for authorization made in accordance with section 169 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1). The second report must be sent 9 years after the issuance of the authorization or, in the cases referred to in section 99, after the transmission of the report in accordance with that section. The subsequent reports must then be sent every 5 years.";

(2) by replacing "6 years" in the third paragraph by "1 year".

3. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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